

# Parallel Structure

**Directions:** Choose the sentence that has no errors in structure.

1.
  - A. Barking dogs, kittens that were meowing, and squawking parakeets greet the pet shop visitors.
  - B. Barking dogs, meowing kittens, and squawking parakeets greet the pet shop visitors.
  - C. Dogs that bark, kittens that meow, and parakeets squawking greet the pet shop visitors.
  
2.
  - A. During class, Samuel spent his time flirting with Brittney, eating candy, and doodling on the assignment sheet.
  - B. During class, Samuel spent his time flirting with Brittney, he ate candy, and doodling on the assignment sheet.
  - C. During class, Samuel spent his time to flirt with Brittney, to eat candy, and doodling on the assignment sheet.
  
3.
  - A. Alex looked everywhere for his math book—under the bed, on his desk, and he searched inside the refrigerator.
  - B. Alex looked everywhere for his math book—viewing under the bed, searching on his desk, and inside the refrigerator.
  - C. Alex looked everywhere for his math book—under the bed, on his desk, and inside the refrigerator.
  
4.
  - A. The manager wanted staff who arrived on time, smiled at the customers, and didn't snack on the chicken nuggets.
  - B. The manager wanted staff who arrived on time, would be smiling at the customers, and would not be snacking on the chicken nuggets.
  - C. The manager wanted staff who arrived on time, smiled at the customers, and no snacking on the chicken nuggets
  
5.
  - A. After giving Jeremy her phone number, Felicia had to tolerate his late night calls, stupid conversations, and requests for her math homework.
  - B. After giving Jeremy her phone number, Felicia had to tolerate his late night calls, the fact that he carried on stupid conversations, and requests for her math homework.
  - C. After giving Jeremy her phone number, Felicia had to tolerate being woken up late at night, having stupid conversations, and he constantly requested her math homework.

**Directions:** Choose the correct word or phrase within the context suggested by the sentence.

6. Pasta boiling in water, \_\_\_\_\_, and garlic bread baking in the oven welcomed Francisco as he opened the door.
- A. simmered tomato sauce in the pan
  - B. tomato sauce simmering in the pan
  - C. tomato sauce that simmered in the pan
  - D. saucy tomatoes that were simmering in the pan
7. During our vacation in the Bahamas, we hope \_\_\_\_\_, to enjoy beautiful sunsets, and to dance ourselves dizzy at reggae clubs.
- A. that we eat delicious seafood
  - B. that eating delicious seafood occurs
  - C. to eat delicious seafood
  - D. eating delicious seafood
8. Karen wished Ray chewed with his mouth closed, for otherwise he was everything she wanted in a date; he was tall, intelligent, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. he looked good
  - B. being good looking
  - C. one handsome man to look at
  - D. handsome
9. To win Laurie's love, Albert visited the florist for roses, the drugstore for a box of chocolates, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. bought an expensive gold necklace at the jewelry store
  - B. the jeweler for an expensive gold necklace
  - C. the jeweler where he bought an expensive gold necklace
  - D. to buy an expensive gold necklace
10. Kimberly won't date Terry because he is too short, too noisy, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. because he picks his teeth with his fingers
  - B. too impolite
  - C. is the most impolite man she has ever met
  - D. Picking his teeth with his fingers



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