

Parallelism

Definition of parallelism

The balance between two or more similar words, phrases or clauses is called parallelism in grammar. Parallelism is also called parallel structure or parallel construction. Parallel construction prevents awkwardness, promotes clarity and improves writing style and readability.

Examples:

- Nancy likes playing the piano, the trumpet and play the guitar. ✗
Nancy likes the piano, the trumpet and the guitar. ✓
Nancy likes playing the piano, the trumpet and the guitar. ✓
- She played basketball, had a shower and gone to school. ✗
She played basketball, had a shower and went to school. ✓
- You can apply to the job by filling this form or apply by telephone. ✗
You can apply to the job by filling this form or you can apply by telephone. ✓

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