

WORKSHEET 13 Using Parallel Structure (Rule 10 f)

Exercise a Most of the following sentences are out of balance because they lack parallel structure. On the lines provided, rewrite each sentence, giving it parallel structure. If a sentence already has parallel structure, write *C*.

EXAMPLE 1. Being compassionate and because she knows a lot about animals, Jessica will make a good veterinarian. *Because she is compassionate and knows a lot about animals, Jessica will make a good veterinarian.*

1. Rafael delivered his speech with confidence and enthusiastically. _____

2. In 1923 Garrett Morgan patented a traffic light with red, yellow, and green lights that looked very different from today's traffic lights. _____

3. Mrs. Shapiro had heard about the new hockey league but not that there would be a team in Greensboro. _____

4. The selection at the downtown CD store is better than going to the mall. _____

5. I have traveled by bus, by train, and by subway, but never by boat. _____

6. Thelma likes playing the clarinet, to march in the band, and watching the football games. _____

7. The advertisement claims that this toothpaste kills more germs and prevents more cavities than any other toothpaste. _____

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8. My friend Ray is loyal,fun-loving,and shows kindness to everyone. _____

9. The doctor told Uncle Lawrence that he should eat more healthful foods and to start an exercise program. _____

10. I want a new lathe,a good workbench,and to have enough time to finish making the table.

Exercise b Below each of the following incomplete sentences are two expressions. Complete each sentence by choosing the expression that makes the sentence parallel. On the line provided, write the letter (*a* or *b*) of the expression you choose.

EXAMPLE 1. A volcano is an opening in the earth's crust through which a .

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| a. lava, rocks, ashes, and gases escape | b. it throws rocks and ashes, and lava and gases escape |
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1. Volcanoes have inspired both fascination and _____.

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| a. people feared them throughout history | b. fear in people throughout history |
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2. This fear is caused partially by our lack of understanding of the causes of volcanoes and _____.

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| a. partially by our inability to control them | b. partially because we are unable to control them |
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3. Not only are volcanoes very destructive, _____.

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| a. they provide benefits | b. they also can be very beneficial |
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4. Lava rock is used in building roads, and _____.

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| a. pumice, a glass that comes from lava, is used for grinding and polishing materials | b. they use pumice, a glass that comes from lava, for grinding and polishing materials |
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5. Countries with many volcanoes, such as Italy, Mexico, and New Zealand, use underground steam as a source of energy, and _____.

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| a. homes in Reykjavik, Iceland, are heated with water from volcanic hot springs | b. Reykjavik, Iceland, uses water from volcanic hot springs to heat homes |
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