

Parallelism Quiz Key

In the spaces provided, write the letter of the expression which is parallel with the first part of the sentence.

B 1. Good driving is as much a matter of courtesy as (a) skill (b) of skill.

B 2. Jack is not only good-natured but (a) you can rely on him (b) reliable.

A 3. Our gymnasium is much smaller than (a) the gymnasiums in the schools around us (b) the schools around us.

B 4. Three things contributed to the team's defeat---illness, injuries, and (a) the weather was bad for football (b) bad weather.

A 5. Unless you like him very much, dating the same boy week after week may become as boring as (a) if you didn't have any dates at all (b) dating no one at all.

A 6. The land to the west of us is owned by the Double M Ranch, and (a) that to the north of us is owned by my uncle (b) my uncle owns the land to the north of us.

B 7. Working in a library appealed to me more than (a) to work in a laboratory (b) working in a laboratory.

B 8. Success in business requires the personality of a salesman, the persistence of a bulldog, and (a) imagination enough to predict the future (b) the imagination of a prophet.

C 9. Concentrating on the musical score is difficult for the artist as well as (a) the conductor (b) conducting (c) for the conductor.

C 10. Diving from the deck of a ship requires more nerve than (a) to leap from a diving board into a pool (b) leap into a pool (c) leaping into a pool.

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The following sentences have faulty parallel structure. In the spaces provided, write them in correct parallel form.

1. Walking and to swim are good exercise. **swimming**
2. Pasted on almost every tree and pole, the posters were intended for political campaigning and to acquaint the voters with the candidate. **acquainting**
3. Drinking hot chocolate for breakfast appeals to me more than **drinking** coffee.
4. Dot and I thought the bargains we found were better **than the bargains** our friends **found**.
5. The team welcomed its hero with parades, speeches, and the streets were decorated. **decorations**
6. The prisoners passed us with hanging heads, drooping shoulders, and ~~their feet shuffled~~. **shuffling feet**
7. One day Carl suggested painting our sailboat and that we start to practice for the race. **practicing**
8. Gene scooped up the butter with his finger, tasted it, and making a face. **made**

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9. Mr. Wolfe was aware of Walt's lack of experience and **knew** that he was not yet ready for promotion.
10. He took up drinking, gambling, and killed several people. **killing**
11. To many students, being a success socially is more important than scholastic success.
social success
12. He is an excellent tennis player because he is fast, accurate, and plays aggressively.
aggressive
13. At the zoo the children saw a lion and **a** bear.
14. My dad talks to me about being thrifty, saving money, and ~~that I should~~ **planning** a budget.

Circle the letter that shows proper parallel structure.

1. **A)** Exercising regularly and eating well are two things that I have trouble doing.
B) To exercise regularly and eating well are two things that I have trouble doing.
2. **A)** He is happiest at the chessboard, behind the wheel of a car, and on his boat.
B) He is happiest at the chessboard, when he is behind the wheel of a car, and on his boat.
3. A) Carlos has imagination, patience, and is perceptive.
B) Carlos is imaginative, patient, and perceptive.
4. A) Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt had both talent and compassion.
B) Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt both had talent and compassion.

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5. **A)** The referee warned the team that either they must abide by the rules or he would stop the game.
B) The referee warned the team again that either they must abide by the rules or that he would stop the game.
6. A) The relay team had an early lead but then was lagging behind.
B) The relay team had an early lead but then lagged behind.
7. A) The explorer neither lost his confidence nor his enthusiasm.
B) The explorer lost neither his confidence nor his enthusiasm.
8. **A)** Chevrolet's new design is admired more for its appearance than for its performance.
B) Chevrolet's new design is admired more for its appearance than for how it performs.
9. A) On the safari Eve took pictures of a tiger and rhinoceros.
B) On the safari Eve took pictures of a tiger and a rhinoceros.
10. **A)** Whether drunk or sober, he liked to pick a fight.
B) Whether drunk or when he was sober, he liked to pick a fight.
11. **A)** The family wanted to relocate to a part of the country that was neither too hot in the summer nor too cold in the winter.
B) The family wanted to relocate to a part of the country that was neither too hot in the summer nor had winters that were too cold.