

Name _____

Date _____

10th Grade
Parallelism

Grammar: Parallelism

Practice

Parallelism is the use of similar grammatical forms or patterns to express similar ideas. Parallel constructions place equal ideas in words, phrases, or clauses of similar types. Nonparallel constructions present equal ideas in an unnecessary mix of grammatical forms, producing awkward, distracting shifts for readers.

Nonparallel: The Hollywood celebrity was *charming*, *witty*, and a *beauty*.

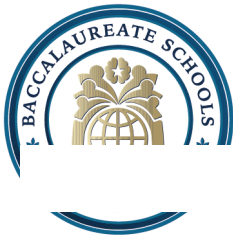
Parallel: The Hollywood celebrity was *charming*, *witty*, and *beautiful*.

A. Rewrite each sentence, changing nonparallel forms into parallel grammatical forms. If a sentence is correct, write Correct.

Example: Scott's new car is flashy, showy, and costs a lot.

Answer: Scott's new car is flashy, showy, and costly.

1. Kurt Vonnegut's short stories have suspense, style, and insight.
2. We will discuss Sandy's proposal and considering alternate plans.



3. Many gases are invisible, colorless, and you can't taste them.
4. The birds were turning their heads and extending their tail feathers.
5. A good cook must master the techniques of roasting, frying, and baking.
6. Her aim was teaching college English or to become a journalist.
7. Eduardo's speech was tiresome, inaccurate, and it annoyed a lot of people.