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## PARALLELISM

Remember that parallel form requires that *similar* ideas be expressed in *similar* form.

IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GROUPS, CIRCLE THE ONE THAT IS NOT PARALLEL:

to the seacoast  
at the ballgame  
the mountains  
in the parade

keeping a secret  
betrayed by a friend  
knowing the truth  
taking it on the chin

being enthusiastic  
feeling energetic  
becoming diplomatic  
to be antagonistic

See? Now go back and turn each odd phrase into one that is parallel with the others in the group.

In your research paper, you will need to be sure that each item is parallel to the other items in its group. This principle works in compound sentences or in sentences with compound elements. To read smoothly and communicate clearly, they should be parallel. Below are several sentences that contain faulty parallelism. On the blank line, rewrite each so that the linked ideas are expressed in parallel form.

1. The coach rewards both trying hard and success.

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2. All the assignments are either too long or they are too complicated.

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3. Clark prefers either to work on his own or not taking part at all.

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4. Fresh ingredients and preparing them carefully are the hallmarks of a good meal.

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5. We thought the movie was not only boring but a senseless film.

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6. Their performance was interesting, energetic, and of professional caliber.

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