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Grammar Rules

Parallelism

Parallelism is achieved when the

On Tuesday mornings, I go to the grocery store and then I work out at the gym.




Using the shape method again, the new example reads as follows:

On Tuesday mornings, I  and then I .


The phrases within the sentence are both in verb form; thus, parallelism has been achieved.

Other Examples

Parallelism Error:

I like to walk at the park, swim at the beach, and running along the esplanade. ×
  

Correction:

I like to walk at the park, swim at the beach, and run along the esplanade.


Parallelism Error:

My favourite sports are badminton, volleyball, and playing baseball. ×

Correction:

My favourite sports are badminton, volleyball, and baseball.

Parallelism Error:

Donald's busy teaching job requires: working interactively with colleagues,
communicating effectively, and efficiency. ×

Correction:

Donald's busy teaching job requires: collegiality, effective communication, and
efficiency.