

# EXERCISE SHEET: PARALLEL SENTENCE STRUCTURE

When a sentence lists multiple verbs, those verbs must match each other in **tense, voice, and person**. Writers refer to this as **Parallel Sentence Structure**. This exercise sheet practices the concepts from the Parallel Sentence Structure Resource.

**Tense:** Past, Present, or Future

**Person:** 1<sup>st</sup> (I / we), 2<sup>nd</sup> (you), or 3<sup>rd</sup> (he / she / it / they)

**Voice:** Active or Passive

## EXERCISES

**Directions:** The following sentences contain verbs with incorrect tense, person, or voice. Identify which error the sentence contains and rewrite the verbs to achieve parallel sentence structure.

1. Each night, Nathaniel opens his math book, reads ten equations, and calculate the answers.
2. Danielle suddenly stood up, leaves the room, and returned with a plate of molasses cookies.
3. When Griffith has free time, he puts on his headphones and a book is read.
4. Colin attends school during the day, plays tennis in the evening, and watched movies at night.
5. When the weather is warm, my sneakers are laced up, I go to the park, and I run three miles.
6. Becky will drive to the mall and picks a pair of high heels for the upcoming dance.
7. Last week, Nick renewed his passport, packed his bags, and flies to Barcelona.
8. With Heather as your English teacher, you will read classic novels, lots of notes will be taken, and you will thoroughly enjoy the class.
9. Caleb drafted a petition for daily gluten-free brownies at work, collects signatures from his co-workers, and presented the petition to his boss.
10. When it snows, Audrey puts on a red coat, will step into a pair of boots, and wraps a scarf around her neck.

Scroll to the next page to see the answers!

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