

Parallelism

Items in a series are *parallel* if they are of the same grammatical structure.

Composing with attention to *parallelism* improves the balance, rhythm, and clarity of your writing.

Items in a series or list

After the camping trip, I was exhausted, filthy, and wanted to eat everything in sight.

The main results of the university's curriculum reform were
that class size decreased,
more multi-cultural classes,
and students being allowed to choose a pass/fail option.

With correlative conjunctions (*either/or, both/and, not only/but also, etc*)

I wanted *not only* to start a new job *but* go to a new school as well.

He made up his mind *either* to paint the van *or* sell it.

Make sure you include all necessary words (prepositions, articles, verb forms, etc) to make the structure clear and grammatically correct.

To balance sentence structure

Our compact car provides better mileage; more comfort is provided by our station wagon.