**Parallel Structure Exercise**

1. Which of these sentences expresses a series of items in a parallel list?
2. Peacocks eat insects, seeds, and they are loud.
3. Royal Roads University was founded in Colwood, British Columbia over twenty years ago.
4. Several of the historic buildings, the extensive gardens, and the academic staff from the Royal Roads Military College continued to be a part of Royal Roads University from 1995.
5. Several thousand students visit campus every year, where they complete residencies, interacting with several professors and nearly 450 associate faculty overall.
6. Which of these sentences is not an example of a parallel list?
7. Peacocks are big, loud, and slow.
8. I would like to have the baked pasta, the chicken soup, and the garden salad please.
9. Students can book either 30 minute appointments or they can meet for 60-minutes.
10. Royal Roads University is well known for its great professors, its beautiful campus, and its old castle.
11. In this example, which parts of speech are expressed in parallel structure?

James and Laura Dunsmuir used Hatley Castle to entertain their wealthy guests, escape their political past, raise their youngest children, and enjoy their tranquil retirement.

1. Verbs (entertain, escape, raise, enjoy)
2. Adjectives (wealthy, political, youngest, tranquil)
3. Nouns (guests, past, children, retirement)
4. All of the above
5. Which of these sentences combines two ideas in a sentence using parallel structure and the correlative “if… then”?
6. If she is a student at the university, then it is possible for her to visit the Writing Centre.
7. If he studied for the test, then he has a good chance of doing well in the course.
8. If they will win the game, then they will lift the trophy.
9. If it is raining, then I’ll get wet.
10. Which of these revisions to the following sentence is an example of parallel structure?

Students in this program should write well; this program also requires lots of studying and regular communication.

1. This program requires clear writing, effective studying, and regular communication.
2. This program requires students to write clearly, to study effectively, and to communicate regularly.
3. Both of the above.
4. Neither of the above.

Answers:

c, c, d, c, c.