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**Parallel Structure**

Directions: In the four sentences below, circle the correct word or phrase that gives the sentence correct parallel structure.

1. Justin was excited about inviting friends over, eating a good meal, and \_\_\_ .

a. …a game of cards.

b. …to play cards.

c. ...playing a game of cards.

2. I have always enjoyed reading the book more than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. …I watched the movie version.

b. …watching the movie.

c. …to watch the movie.

3. When the weather outside is cold and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I like to be indoors.

a. …starting to get windy…

b. …windy…

c. …getting windy…

4. Running, lifting, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are three of Ashley’s favorite exercises.

a. …racquetball…

b. …a spinning class…

c. …bicycling…

**Directions: Fix the parallel structure in the following sentences.**

1. We were dirty, hungry, and *without a penny*.
2. My roommate liked to repair things around the house and *his own cooking*.
3. During the day, we went on long hikes, rowed around the lake, or *just leisure time*.
4. She returned to pay the rent and *because she had left some of her things*.
5. Two things that I found hard to learn as a freshman were to get enough sleep and *trimming expenses*.
6. He asked me about my courses and *where I was planning to be next year*.
7. The doctor said that I should rest and *not to get excited or upset*.
8. Hitler’s followers considered other nations to be racially inferior and *were fit only for slave labor*.
9. The best way to combat juvenile delinquency is not to set up more social agencies but *by restoring old-fashioned discipline in the home*.
10. The book told how to build a gun cabinet, how to build a bookcase, and *all types of furniture that you can make*.
11. When I was a member of the basketball team, everyone met me with a happy smile, made lively conversation, and *I was invited to many parties*.
12. Fires, caused by unheeding persons, have destroyed valuable forests and *thereby decreasing our lumber resources.*
13. In basketball, there is never a dull moment, any team can win, *and a fine display of teamwork*.
14. My parents liked peace and quiet and *to relax in the evening at home*.
15. Esther is a helpful person and *who makes friends easily*.
16. Yosemite is a park with spectacular scenery and *which has half-tame bears*.
17. My friends were always going off to jog in the park or *a game of tennis*.
18. The manager asked me to file an application and *would I leave my number*.
19. We went to rallies to protest against pesticides, oppose nuclear power, or *other current causes*.
20. My roommate was a smart dresser, a good student, and *really knew how to talk*.