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**LESSON SEVEN : PARALLELISM**

**Use parallel structure as an aid to coherence**

To get parallel structures, you need to balance a word with a word, a phrase with a phrase, a clause with a clause , and a sentence with a sentence.

**Study the following examples** **:**

**1). Words:**

**Awkward:**  The way we write reveals our bent, our inclinations ,and what our inner

drives are.

**Parallel :** The way we write reveals our bent, our inclinations, and *our inner drives.*

**2). Phrases :**

**Awkward**: It is easier to love humanity as a whole than loving one's neighbour.

**Parallel:** It is easier to love humanity as a whole than *to love* one's neighbour.

**3).Clauses :**

**Awkward** : What we say and the things that we do somehow seem out of joint.

**Parallel :** What we say and *what we do* somehow seem out of joint.

**4). Sentences :**

**Parallel:** The danger of the past was that men became slaves.

The danger of the future is that men may become robots.

* **Exercise 1: Achieve parallelism in each of the following sentences :**

1. The cameramen spent months in primitive areas, in African heat ,in Alaskan

blizzards, and where there are jungles in South America.

2. In the wreck the circus lost a camel and elephant.

3. Take as much time as you need-a day, hour, year.

4. I intend to do two things: to try and succeed.

5. I told John that I could not go and I had good reasons.

6. The sentences are difficult to understand, not because they are long but they are obscure

7. The child learns in nursery schools to take his turn, to respect the rights of others, and take care of his materials.

8. Not only has he visited the patients, but also sung ballads for them.

9. One can learn much more by studying than worrying.

10. He was not only kind but also knew when to help people.

11. I debated whether I should give the beggar money or to offer him food.

12. I like a detective story with exciting action and which keeps me guessing.

13. Someone has said that Americans cannot enjoy life without a TV set, an automobile, and a summer cottage.

14. William is a boy with a good mind and who has the highest principles.

15. He was quiet and in a serious mood after the talk.

16 .I did not know whether I should go to some technical school or to enter a liberal arts college.

17. The secretary must attend all meetings, call the roll, and keep the minutes.

18. People fall naturally into two classes: the workers and those who like to lean on

others.

**Suggested Activity: Produce faulty and unparalleled sentences**