

PARALLEL STRUCTURE



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- ⌘ We want our sentences -
 - ⌘ but especially our ITEMS IN A SERIES -
- ⌘ to be parallel in structure
 - ⌘ that is, to be of the same grammatical structure.

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☞ A POKER METAPHOR best explains the idea behind it:

think 3 of a kind

☞ If you have 3 jacks, you'd win

☞ (or, at least beat 2 pair)

☞ However, if you have only 2 jacks and 1 ace, you better fold because your hand is not parallel in structure.



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- ❧ When our *items in a series* (or sentences) are not parallel, we call this a FAULTY PARALLELISM.

- ❧ We see this error mostly in our **Thesis Statements**
 - ❧ in particular, the “support” part of our TS
 - ❧ (remember: **Topic + Main Idea + Support**).
 - ❧ the “support” is often *items in a series*
 - ❧ 3 reasons
 - ❧ 3 types

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☞ In our [EXAMPLE essay](#), the *support* will be a list of reasons, and these reasons need to be parallel in structure:

☞ 3 nouns

☞ 3 prepositional phrases

☞ 3 "because" clauses

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- ❧ For example (*pun intended*), if I were writing why I hate winter, my thesis could look like this:
 - ❧ However, the three most significant reasons I hate winter include *the snow, the cold, and the snow*.
- ❧ Here, we have 3 nouns (one used twice because I hate the snow!)

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❧ OR I could phrase it as so:

❧ I hate winter *because of the snow, because of the cold, and because of the snow.*

❧ Here, we have 3 "because" clauses.

❧ As you draft your Outline Template, and especially the Thesis in your OT, pay attention to your sentence structure; errors made in the OT often find themselves repeated in the essay drafts.

EXERCISES



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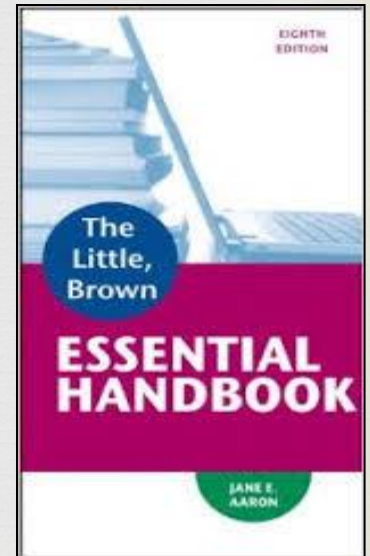
- ❧ ****Determine which book we're using this semester:**
- ❧ **LBE**
- ❧ **LBH**
- ❧ **LSH**
- ❧ **Other**

LBE EXERCISES



☞ PS:

☞ Ch. 16 (16.1)



LSH EXERCISES



∞ Parallel Structure:

∞ Exercise #1

∞ (10q.)

