

**PARALLEL CONSTRUCTION**

Identify whether each sentence is parallel or not. If not, fix the sentence so it's parallel.

1. Natural gas prices have fallen, which not only affects the price homeowners pay for gas but also the price of electricity produced by gas power plants.

\_\_\_ Parallel

\_\_\_ Not parallel.

Fix: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Many victims of the bombings died, were seriously injured, or lost limbs.

\_\_\_ Parallel

\_\_\_ Not parallel.

Fix: \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. We need to either get those books from the library or see if they're online.

\_\_\_ Parallel

\_\_\_ Not parallel.

Fix: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. The coach said the players needed to work on fundamentals, offense, and try to handle the ball better.

\_\_\_ Parallel

\_\_\_ Not parallel.

Fix: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## SENTENCE STRUCTURE

5. The professor objected to both the structure of the article and it was poorly written.

\_\_\_ Parallel

\_\_\_ Not parallel.

Fix: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### KEY FOR PRACTICE EXERCISE 5.9

1. Not parallel (Fix by moving "affects" so it goes with both elements of the "not only . . . but also" phrase: Natural gas prices have fallen, which affects not only the price homeowners pay for gas but also the price of electricity produced by gas power plants.)
2. Parallel
3. Parallel
4. Not parallel (Fix by turning the last element into a noun: The coach said the players needed to work on fundamentals, offense, and ball handling.)
5. Not parallel (Fix by turning the last element into a noun: The professor objected to both the structure of the article and its poor writing. Or restructure so each element has a verb: The professor both objected to the structure of the article and said it was poorly written.)



## MISPLACED MODIFIERS

Underline the misplaced modifier in each sentence.

1. The senators are downplaying the assault weapons ban in the gun violence package put together after December's mass shooting by the president's handpicked task force.
2. The prosecutor announced that the suspect had been charged with murder during a news conference downtown.
3. After 95 years of working the land, it's clear that the best foods come from the best ingredients.
4. We will honor three veteran journalists for their dedication to accurate and honest reporting at the Capitol Hill Club.
5. When reorganizing your business, employees must trust that you have a clear destination in mind and that you are committed to progress.

### KEY FOR PRACTICE EXERCISE 5.8

1. by the president's handpicked task force (This makes it sound as if the task force did the mass shooting when, in fact, they put together the gun violence package.)
2. during a news conference downtown (This makes it sound as if the murder happened at the news conference when, in fact, the announcement was made at the news conference.)
3. After 95 years of working the land (Who is working the land?)
4. at the Capitol Hill Club (We can assume that the journalists reported from more places than the club, which is where they will be honored.)
5. When reorganizing your business (This makes it sound as if the employees are reorganizing your business, when in fact, you are.)