Parallelism Worksheet

Professional Communications OER: Writing

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# Introduction

Rewrite the following sentences so that they have parallel structure. There is more than one way to rewrite some of the sentences, but a suggestion has been provided for each in the Answer Key.

# Exercise

1. Michael likes to play tennis, swimming, and riding his bike.
2. He waited until the last minute to study for the exam, completed his lab problems in a careless manner, and his motivation was low.
3. Doing yoga regularly helps people to improve flexibility and preventing injury.
4. Mary Anne struggled to adapt to university both in her social life and academically.
5. When Stephen was a boy, he loved football, painting, and to dance.
6. Our mother doesn’t like it when we go outside too little and play video games.
7. My cousin laughs at me when I juggle, make faces and telling jokes.
8. Eric had to choose either a blue shirt or to buy a grey suit.
9. After our company was sold, we saw an improvement in our hours worked, benefits, and earning wages.
10. Neither firefighting nor being in the police service are as lucrative as people think they are.

# Answer Key

1. Michael likes playing tennis, swimming, and biking.
2. He waited until the last minute to study for the exam, completed his lab problems carelessly, and lacked motivation.
3. Doing yoga regularly helps people to improve flexibility and prevent injury.
4. Mary Anne struggled to adapt to university both academically and socially.
5. When Stephen was a boy, he loved football, painting, and dancing.
6. Our mother doesn’t like it when we go outside too little and play video games too much.
7. My cousin laughs at me when I juggle, make faces, and tell jokes.
8. Eric had to choose to buy either a blue shirt or a grey suit.
9. After our company was sold, we saw an improvement in hours, benefits, and wages.
10. Neither firefighting nor policing are as lucrative as people think they are.