

CHOOSING THE CORRECT PARALLEL

Materials:

Question and answer choices for parallel construction with correlative conjunctions to be projected via the computer or transparency.

Overview:

This activity engages the students in critical reading and thinking. It also reinforces proper parallel sentence construction recognition.

Depending on the size of the class, you can create two to four teams.

Directions:

1. Once the order has been established, the first team proceeds in attempting to correct the parallel. They send their first contestant to the front of the room.
2. The first student (contestant) for that team looks at the sentence projected in the front of the room and corrects the underlined portion of the sentence by reciting the correct answer. If the non-parallel is properly identified and corrected, the team earns 2 points. If the student needs a hint (choices labeled a, b, and c) then the point value drops to 1, and the teacher uncovers the hints for the contestant to view.
3. If the contestant guesses the correct answer, his team earns the point(s) and play moves to the next team. If they answer incorrectly, another team may steal by volunteering and answering correctly. They earn 1 point for a correctly answered steal. Regular play then resumes.
4. The teams may only collaborate on steals. Each individual team member must take a turn creating the proper parallel.
5. The difficulty increases by level (the hints become more general). There is a sampling of three levels provided (five per level). Feel free to add more to each level.
6. The team that finishes with the most correct answers (points) wins.
The winning team may receive raffle tickets.



Activity

Get Up and Choose!

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Level One

In the following sentences, fix the underline wording for proper parallel.

- You either must enter the race or suffer the consequences.
Hint: a. must either b. either c. must you
- My allowance is much smaller than my friend.
Hint: a. my friend allowance b. my friend's c. my friends
- This is an instance which calls not for excuses, but fact.
Hint: a. for the facts b. facts c. for facts
- The Russians, the Polish, and Chinese have all experienced civil upheaval.
Hint: a. the Chinese b. China c. people in China
- In the past, math calculations were made using an abacus, but now people use graphic calculators.
Hint: a. using b. they are using c. they are made using

Level Two

In this section there may be no incorrect parallel or more than one correct answer. If this is the case, the student must say so in order to receive the full point values.

- In November, December, and in January, the wind is so cold it penetrates any coat.
*Hint: a. In November, in December, and January
b. In November, December, and January c. In November, in December, and in January*
- Either we should agree to drive to Florida or plan to spend two days traveling.
Hint: a. Either we should b. We should either c. We either should
- My best friend, Leroy has both a PC and he uses a Mac.
Hint: a. he has b. he uses c. he likes using
- You should either arrive on time, or should not come at all.
Hint: a. or you should b. or do c. or should
- The study of grammar is not only very exciting but also it is fun.
Hint: a. very fun b. fun c. it is very fun



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