

WORKSHEET 4 Using Parallel Structure

EXERCISE Revise each of the following sentences to make them parallel.

EXAMPLE 1. Three causes of Hitler's defeat were his failure to invade Britain, he attacked Russia, and the U.S. entrance into the war.

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1. Plants depend upon the soil for anchorage, getting water, and food is absorbed from the soil.

2. Two major functions of cabinet members are to give the president advice and serving as heads of their departments. _____
3. Political parties hold national conventions to draw up a platform, and candidates for the presidency and vice-presidency are selected. _____
4. Three methods of fighting the spread of tuberculosis are to provide free or low-cost screening, treating the disease promptly, and development of better medications. _____
5. The four elements of a plot are exposition, describing complications, the climax, and to resolve the problems. _____
6. Many of Italo Calvino's stories and novels show great imagination, fantastic plots, and are carefully written. _____
7. Jesse increased his silent reading speed by avoiding all lip movement, by taking in several words at one glance, and forced himself to read faster. _____
8. Three objections to business monopolies are that they eliminate competition, limit output, and the fixing of prices. _____
9. Discrimination against women in industry might be eliminated by promotion from within the company, providing training for women employees, and pay equal salaries to men and women doing the same work. _____
10. Mr. Tan maintains the productiveness of his farm's soil by adding compost, certain crops plowed under, and crop rotation. _____