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(also called **parallelism**) is the repetition of a chosen grammatical form within a **sentence**. By making each compared item or idea in your **sentence** follow the same grammatical pattern, you create a **parallel** construction.

This morning I **woke** up late, **couldn't** catch the early bus and **getting** complained by boss.

Everyone loves him because he is both kind and generosity.

Not Parallel:

My best friend took me dancing and to a show.

Parallel:

My best friend took me to a dance and a show.

either...or

You can either **take** a bus or **walk** to the mall.

He speaks either **Chinese** or **Japanese**.

neither...nor

He neither **drinks** nor **smokes**.