

Parallel Structure Worksheet

PROMPT: What are the most dangerous animals in the world?

The most dangerous animals in the world are the lion, tigers, and sharks.

PROMPT: What are the best sodas?

The best sodas are Coke, Pepsi, and I like Sprite.

PROMPT: Write an essay explaining what middle school students need to do put themselves on the path to college.

To put themselves on the college path, middle school students need to take high-level classes, and they have to get good grades, and high SBAC test scores.

PROMPT: A wealthy donor plans to donate a large amount of money to your school. Write an essay recommending how that money should be spent at your school. Be sure to support your opinion with convincing reasons and evidence.

If a wealthy donor gave a large amount of money to Marco Forster Middle School it should help pay for the AVID program because AVID helps kids get good grades, make good decisions, and college.

PROMPT: Your principal wants to invite a celebrity speaker to your school. Think about the celebrity you would choose to have speak; then, write a letter to persuade your principal to invite this person. Be sure to include convincing reasons and details to support your choice.

The principal should invite the president to speak at Marco Forster because he is powerful, leader of the United States, and inspiring.

PROMPT: Girls and boys often enjoy playing the same sport. Some people believe that girls and boys should be able to play on the same team. What is your opinion on this issue? Write an essay stating your opinion and supporting it with convincing reasons.

Girls and boys should not play sports on the same team because not fair for girls, get hurt, and because boys and girls would have relationships with each other.

PROMPT: It has been said that television has little real educational value. What is your opinion on this issue? Write an essay stating your opinion and supporting it with convincing reasons. Be sure to explain your reasons in detail.

Television has little educational value because it wastes time, violence to little kids, and because of too many commercials.

PROMPT: The principal of your school is considering conducting random locker searches several times a year without letting students know in advance. What is your position concerning this issue? Write a letter to the principal stating your position and supporting it with convincing reasons. Be sure to explain your reasons in detail.

The principal should be able to conduct random locker checks because of drugs, and there might be weapons, and stolen things.

PROMPT: Suppose Congress wants to make a new national holiday honoring an important person or event. Choose a person or event you would like to honor. Write an essay to convince members of Congress to accept your choice.

There should be a national holiday honoring Cesar Chavez because he helped organize poor people to vote, supported all poor workers, and a great, inspiring Hispanic American.

PROMPT: Your principal has asked students to suggest a school rule that should be changed. Think of one rule that you would like to have changed. Write a letter convincing your principal that this rule should be changed. Be sure to support your opinion with convincing reasons and evidence.

There should be gum. It helps kids relax. Lots of kids chew it anyway. I like gum.

PROMPT: Your school principal is considering a new policy that will require all students to wear uniforms. What is your position concerning this issue? Write a letter to your principal stating your position and supporting it with convincing reasons. Be sure to explain your reasons in detail.

I don't like uniforms. We had to wear them in elementary school. They are so itchy, And they get dirty, and you have to keep washing them.
