Pattern or Patchwork

Match the grammar to balance related ideas.

10.L.GC.2.e "Recognize and use parallel structure within a paragraph to create symmetry and convey a congruence of ideas. (C)"

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PARALLEL STRUCTURE

Each item in a series uses matching grammar. Matching forms make related ideas sound balanced.

The pilot checked the gauges, radioed the tower, and guided the aircraft.

MIXED STRUCTURE

The grammar changes from one item in the series to the next. The mismatch interrupts the balance.

The library offered quiet tables, to borrow laptops, and weekly workshops.

1 SORT

8 items

For each sentence, circle PARALLEL or MIXED; then choose two sentences and explain whether their series uses matching grammar.

1.	The committee voted to delay the meeting, to review the budget, and to announce its decision.	PARALLEL MIXED
2.	Maya values honesty, patience, and courage.	PARALLEL MIXED
3.	The coach asked players to stretch, drinking water, and to focus.	PARALLEL MIXED
4.	At dawn, the lake was quiet, the air was cool, and the trails were empty.	PARALLEL MIXED
5.	The internship requires careful planning, to communicate clearly, and reliable attendance.	PARALLEL MIXED
6.	Jordan enjoys baking bread, to paint landscapes, and collecting coins.	PARALLEL MIXED
7.	The storm damaged roofs, flooded streets, and knocked down trees.	PARALLEL MIXED
8.	Our goal is to listen carefully, respectful debate, and solving problems.	PARALLEL MIXED

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new PARALLEL sentence and one new MIXED sentence.

PARALLEL _____

MIXED _____

CHALLENGE

Revise one MIXED sentence from Part 1 so every item in its series follows the same grammatical pattern.

ANSWER KEY # Pattern or Patchwork

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The committee voted to delay the meeting, to review the budget, and to announce its decision.	**PARALLEL**	All three items are infinitive phrases beginning with "to."
2	Maya values honesty, patience, and courage.	**PARALLEL**	All three items are nouns.
3	The coach asked players to stretch, drinking water, and to focus.	**MIXED**	The series mixes infinitive phrases with a gerund phrase.
4	At dawn, the lake was quiet, the air was cool, and the trails were empty.	**PARALLEL**	Each item has a noun followed by a form of "was" and an adjective.
5	The internship requires careful planning, to communicate clearly, and reliable attendance.	**MIXED**	The series mixes noun phrases with an infinitive phrase.
6	Jordan enjoys baking bread, to paint landscapes, and collecting coins.	**MIXED**	The series mixes gerund phrases with an infinitive phrase.
7	The storm damaged roofs, flooded streets, and knocked down trees.	**PARALLEL**	All three items are past-tense verb phrases.
8	Our goal is to listen carefully, respectful debate, and solving problems.	**MIXED**	The series mixes an infinitive phrase, a noun phrase, and a gerund phrase.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **PARALLEL**: The mechanic inspected the engine, replaced the filter, and tested the brakes.
- **MIXED**: The festival featured bright lanterns, to welcome guests, and live music.

Challenge: The internship requires careful planning, clear communication, and reliable attendance.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. Answers: 1, 2, 4, and 7 are PARALLEL; 3, 5, 6, and 8 are MIXED. For Part 2, students should name the grammatical forms that match or shift; accept varied challenge revisions if all three elements share one form.