Pattern Matchup

Spot matching grammar in linked ideas.

9.LU.1.A "Use parallel structure across sentences and paragraphs to link and compare/contrast ideas in writing and speaking."

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PARALLEL

The parts joined or compared use the same grammatical pattern. Matching patterns make linked ideas easy to follow.

The sculptor chose to sketch the portrait, to carve the marble, and to polish the statue.

NOT PARALLEL

The joined or compared parts use different grammatical patterns, such as a verb phrase beside a noun phrase. The sentence needs revision to become parallel.

The festival offered lively music, foods from many regions, and visitors could join dances.

1 SORT

8 items

Read each sentence and circle MATCHED if its linked or compared parts follow the same pattern, or MISMATCHED if they do not.

1.	The debate team prepared carefully, spoke confidently, and listened respectfully.	MATCHED	MISMATCHED
2.	Maya would rather repair the bicycle than buy a replacement.	MATCHED	MISMATCHED
3.	The proposal was practical, affordable, and it could be completed quickly.	MATCHED	MISMATCHED
4.	The library was quieter than the cafeteria and more peaceful than the gymnasium.	MATCHED	MISMATCHED
5.	The documentary aimed to inform viewers, raising questions, and to inspire action.	MATCHED	MISMATCHED
6.	The mayor promised to reduce traffic, safer sidewalks, and expanding parks.	MATCHED	MISMATCHED
7.	Both the coach and the captain praised the effort and planned the next practice.	MATCHED	MISMATCHED
8.	Jordan preferred studying at dawn to when the sun set.	MATCHED	MISMATCHED

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 MATCHED sentence and one new MISMATCHED sentence that link or compare ideas.

MATCHED _____

MISMATCHED _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that compares two activities using parallel structure, then write a second sentence that contrasts the same activities using parallel structure.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The debate team prepared carefully, spoke confidently, and listened respectfully.	**MATCHED**	All three actions use past-tense verbs followed by adverbs.
2	Maya would rather repair the bicycle than buy a replacement.	**MATCHED**	The comparison uses two base-form verbs, repair and buy.
3	The proposal was practical, affordable, and it could be completed quickly.	**MISMATCHED**	Two adjectives are followed by a full clause.
4	The library was quieter than the cafeteria and more peaceful than the gymnasium.	**MATCHED**	Both comparisons use a comparative adjective followed by than and a noun phrase.
5	The documentary aimed to inform viewers, raising questions, and to inspire action.	**MISMATCHED**	Two infinitive phrases are mixed with a gerund phrase.
6	The mayor promised to reduce traffic, safer sidewalks, and expanding parks.	**MISMATCHED**	An infinitive phrase is mixed with noun phrases and a gerund phrase.
7	Both the coach and the captain praised the effort and planned the next practice.	**MATCHED**	The paired subjects are nouns, and the paired actions are past-tense verbs.
8	Jordan preferred studying at dawn to when the sun set.	**MISMATCHED**	A gerund phrase is compared with a dependent clause.

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)

- **MATCHED**: The scientist measured the samples, recorded the results, and repeated the trial.
- **MISMATCHED**: The scientist measured the samples, careful notes, and repeated the trial.

Challenge: Training for a marathon builds endurance, while practicing yoga develops flexibility. Marathon training demands long runs, whereas yoga requires controlled poses.

Items 1, 2, 4, and 7 are MATCHED. Items 3, 5, 6, and 8 are MISMATCHED because the linked or compared parts do not use the same grammatical form.