

PARALLELISM IN LISTS

DIRECTIONS: Choose the item that will make the list in each sentence parallel.

1. When Delores realized that her father had made lima beans and rice for dinner, she _____, claimed to feel nauseous, and excused herself from the table. The bag of stale popcorn in her room would tide her over until breakfast.

- A. clutched her stomach
- B. was clutching her stomach
- C. did clutch her stomach

2. When Noodle the poodle realized that the leash meant a bath, not a walk to the park, he growled, pulled, and _____.

- A. was leaping like a fish on a line
- B. he was leaping like a fish on a line
- C. leaped like a fish on a line

3. To protect her delicate hands, Fran will not rake the yard, do the dishes, or _____.

- A. refuses to scrub the bathtub
- B. won't scrub the bathtub
- C. scrub the bathtub

4. When Diane takes her beagle for a walk, Santana enjoys sniffing for edible garbage, _____, and lunging at squirrels.

- A. howls at bicyclists
- B. howling at bicyclists
- C. she howls at bicyclists

5. After Amanda cashes her paycheck, the money goes to her savings account, cappuccino fund, and _____.

- A. paying her credit card bill
- B. toward her credit card balance
- C. credit card balance

6. In preparation for her run, Alicia _____, applied sunscreen, and increased the volume on her iPod.

- A. tightened her shoelaces
- B. was tightening her shoelaces
- C. did tighten her shoelaces

7. We searched the car trunk, _____, and the top of the refrigerator, but we could not find the box of cornflakes that we remember buying.
- A. looked on the pantry shelves
 - B. on the pantry shelves
 - C. the pantry shelves
8. Bonkers, our ninety pound golden retriever, chews on furniture, _____, and snots up the car windows—inconveniences we didn't anticipate when we adopted him.
- A. would drag us around the neighborhood during walks
 - B. he drags us around the neighborhood during walks
 - C. drags us around the neighborhood during walks
9. Belinda saw very little of the horror movie, for she shut her eyes _____, when she heard the monster's footsteps in the dead leaves, and when characters started screaming.
- A. when the violins began to play
 - B. while listening to the violins play
 - C. during the violin music
10. In Mrs. Curall's office, Ruben feigned the flu. He hoped to be excused from class, get an extension on his paper, and _____.
- A. spend the afternoon playing tennis with his friends
 - B. to spend the afternoon playing tennis with his friends
 - C. then to spend the afternoon playing tennis with his friends
11. We looked everywhere for the car keys—under the sofa cushions, _____, and on the counters and tabletops. All along, Andrew had them in the front pocket of his jeans!
- A. our search included the trash can
 - B. searching for them in the trash can
 - C. in the trash can
12. Teresa was expecting a visit from her mother, so she spent the day cleaning the shelves of the refrigerator, scrubbing mold from the bathroom tile grout, and _____.
- A. she removed dog hair from the sofa cushions
 - B. removing dog hair from the sofa cushions
 - C. removed dog hair from the sofa cushions