Using Parallel Structure (Rule 10f)

Exercise a Most of the following sentences are out of balance because they lack parallel structure. On the lines provided, rewrite each sentence, giving it parallel structure. If a sentence already has parallel structure, write C.

**EXAMPLE 1.** Being compassionate and because she knows a lot about animals, Jessica will make a good veterinarian. Because she is compassionate and knows a lot about animals, Jessica will make a good veterinarian.

1. Rafael delivered his speech with confidence and enthusiastically. ________________________________

2. In 1923 Garrett Morgan patented a traffic light with red, yellow, and green lights that looked very different from today’s traffic lights. ________________________________

3. Mrs. Shapiro had heard about the new hockey league but not that there would be a team in Greensboro. ________________________________

4. The selection at the downtown CD store is better than going to the mall. ________________________________

5. I have traveled by bus, by train, and by subway, but never by boat. ________________________________

6. Thelma likes playing the clarinet, to march in the band, and watching the football games. ________________________________

7. The advertisement claims that this toothpaste kills more germs and prevents more cavities than any other toothpaste. ________________________________

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8. My friend Ray is loyal, fun-loving, and shows kindness to everyone. 

9. The doctor told Uncle Lawrence that he should eat more healthful foods and to start an exercise program. 

10. I want a new lathe, a good workbench, and to have enough time to finish making the table. 

Exercise b. Below each of the following incomplete sentences are two expressions. Complete each sentence by choosing the expression that makes the sentence parallel. On the line provided, write the letter (a or b) of the expression you choose.

**EXAMPLE 1.** A volcano is an opening in the earth's crust through which ______.
   a. lava, rocks, ashes, and gases escape  
   b. it throws rocks and ashes, and lava and gases escape

1. Volcanoes have inspired both fascination and ______.
   a. people feared them throughout history
   b. fear in people throughout history

2. This fear is caused partially by our lack of understanding of the causes of volcanoes and ______.
   a. partially by our inability to control them
   b. partially because we are unable to control them

3. Not only are volcanoes very destructive, ______.
   a. they provide benefits
   b. they also can be very beneficial

4. Lava rock is used in building roads, and ______.
   a. pumice, a glass that comes from lava, is used for grinding and polishing materials
   b. they use pumice, a glass that comes from lava, for grinding and polishing materials

5. Countries with many volcanoes, such as Italy, Mexico, and New Zealand, use underground steam as a source of energy, and ______.
   a. homes in Reykjavik, Iceland, are heated with water from volcanic hot springs
   b. Reykjavik, Iceland, uses water from volcanic hot springs to heat homes