

Section Four: Permasalahan dengan Struktur Paralel

Bahasa Inggris yang baik sebisa mungkin harus menampilkan bahasa yang setara dan seimbang. Bahasa yang seimbang ini disebut “struktur paralel”. Struktur ini dapat dibentuk dengan membuat bentuk kata seserupa mungkin. Berikut adalah contoh kalimat yang tidak paralel:

I like to sing and dancing.*

Masalah dalam kalimat ini adalah ekspresi *to sing*, dan masalahnya bukan lah kata *dancing*. Keduanya bisa menjadi ekspresi yang tepat dalam kalimat:

I like to sing.
I like dancing.

Masalah yang muncul pada contoh kalimat yang salah (*) adalah bahwa kedua ekspresi tersebut digabungkan dalam satu kalimat menggunakan *and*. Bentuk kedua ekspresi tersebut berbeda, oleh karena itulah contoh tersebut dinyatakan tidak paralel. Kesalahan ini bisa diperbaiki dengan dua cara: mengubah ekspresi pertama menjadi ekspresi kedua atau sebaliknya.

I like to sing and to dance.
I like singing and dancing.

Ada beberapa situasi yang mengharuskan anda berhati-hati mengenai struktur paralel. Struktur ini diperlukan hadir dalam situasi-situasi sebagai berikut: (1) bersama dengan konjungsi setara seperti *and, but, or*; (2) bersama dengan pasangan konjungsi seperti *both. .. and, either. .. or, neither. . . nor, not only. . .but also*; dan (3) bersama dengan perbandingan.

Skill 13: Gunakan Struktur Paralel dengan Konjungsi Koordinatif

Fungsi dari konjungsi koordinatif (*and, but, or*) adalah untuk menggabungkan dua ekspresi yang setara. Dengan kata lain, satu kata dalam ekspresi ini harus paralel dengan kata dari ekspresi lainnya. Konjungsi ini bisa menggabungkan kata benda, kata kerja, kata sifat, frasa, anak klausa, klausa utama. Dengan kata lain,

konjungsi ini hanya menggabungkan dua hal yang serupa. Berikut adalah contoh-contohnya:

1. Konjungsi koordinatif menggabungkan kata benda:

I need to talk to the manager *or* the assistant manager.
She is not a teacher *but* a lawyer.
You can choose from activities such as hiking *and* kayaking.

2. Konjungsi koordinatif menggabungkan kata kerja:

He eats *and* sleeps only when he takes a vacation.
She invites us to her home *but* never talks with us.
You can stay home *or* go to the movies with us.

3. Konjungsi koordinatif menggabungkan kata sifat:

My boss is sincere *and* nice.
The exam that he gave was short *but* difficult.
Class can be interesting *or* boring.

4. Konjungsi koordinatif menggabungkan frasa:

There are students in the classroom *and* in front of the building.
The papers are on my desk *or* in the drawer.
The checks will be ready not at noon *but* at 1:00.

5. Konjungsi koordinatif menggabungkan klausa:

They are not interested in what you say *or* what you do.
I am here because I have to be *and* because I want to be.
Mr. Brown likes to go home early, but his wife prefers to stay late.

Skill 14: Struktur Paralel dengan Pasangan Konjungsi

Konjungsi yang berpasangan misalnya: *both... and*, *either.. or*, *neither.. nor*, dan *not only ... but also* membutuhkan struktur paralel.

I know *both* where you went *and* what you did.
Either Mark *or* Sue has the book.

The tickets are *neither in my pocket nor in my purse*.
He is *not only an excellent student but also an outstanding athlete*.

Contoh berikut tidak parallel dan harus diperbaiki:

He wants *either* to go by train *or* by plane*.

Kalimat tersebut tidak tepat karena *to go by train* tidak parallel dengan *by plane*. Oleh karena itu, kalimat tersebut bisa diperbaiki dengan cara:

He wants *either* to go by train *or* to go by plane.

He wants to go *either* by train *or* by plane.

He wants to go by *either* train *or* plane.

Ketika pasangan konjungsi ini digunakan, pastikan bahwa bagian yang digunakan adalah pasangan yang tepat. Kalimat berikut adalah tidak tepat:

I want *both* this book *or** that one.

Either Sam *nor** Sue is taking the course.

Kalimat tersebut tidak tepat karena ada bagian pasangan konjungsi yang tidak tepat digunakan secara bersamaan. Pada contoh pertama, *and* harus digunakan bersamaan dengan *both*. Pada contoh kedua, *or* harus digunakan bersama dengan *either*.

Skill 15: Struktur Paralel dengan Perbandingan

Ketika membuat ekspresi perbandingan, persamaan atau perbedaannya antar keduanya harus diperlihatkan dalam bentuk yang parallel. Anda bisa mengenali sebuah perbandingan yang memperlihatkan bagaimana dua hal berbeda dari bentuk *-er... than* atau *the more ... than*.

My school is farther *than* your school.

To be rich is better *than* to be poor.

What is written is *more* easily understood *than* what is spoken.

Perbandingan yang memperlihatkan bagaimana dua hal adalah sama bisa memiliki ekspresi *as ... as* atau *the same as* atau *similar to*.

Their car is *as* big *as* a small house.

Renting those apartments costs about *the same as* leasing them.
The work that I did is *similar to* the work that you did.

LATIHAN Lingkari kata atau ekspresi yang mengindikasikan bahwa kalimat di bawah ini harus memiliki bagian paralel. Garisbawahi bagian yang seharusnya paralel, lalu indikasikan apakah kalimatnya benar (B) atau salah (S).

_____	1.	After retirement he plans on traveling to exotic locations, dine in the finest restaurants, and playing a lot of golf.
_____	2.	She was both surprised by and pleased with the seminar.
_____	3.	What came after the break was even more boring than had come before.
_____	4.	He would find the missing keys neither under the bed or behind the sofa.
_____	5.	Depending on the perspective of the viewer, the film was considered laudable, mediocrity, or horrendous.
_____	6.	He exercised not only in the morning, but he also exercised every afternoon.
_____	7.	Working four days per week is much more relaxing dian working five days per week.
_____	8.	Sam is always good-natured, generous, and helps you.
_____	9.	Either you have to finish the project, or the contract will be canceled.
_____	10.	The courses that you are required to take are more important than the courses that you choose.

Latihan Skills 13-15:

Pilih jawaban yang paling tepat untuk melengkapi kalimat.

- Truman Capote's *In Cold Blood* is neither journalistically accurate _____
(A) a piece of fiction (C) or written in a fictitious way
(B) nor a fictitious work (D) nor completely fictitious
- Vitamin C is necessary for the prevention and _____ of scurvy.
(A) it cures (C) cure
(B) cures (D) for curing

3. A baby's development is influenced by both heredity and _____.
 (A) by environmental factors
 (B) environmentally
 (C) the influence of the environment
 (D) environment
4. Because bone loss occurs earlier in women than____, the effects of osteoporosis are
 (A) men do (C) as men
 (B) in men (D) similar to men

Pilihlah bagian yang salah sebagai jawaban yang tepat.

5. Fire extinguishers can contain liquefied gas, dry chemicals,
 A B C
 or watery.
 D
6. The U.S. Congress consists of both the Senate as well as the House of
 A B C
Representatives.
 D
7. The prison population in this state, now at an all time high, is higher
 A B C
 than any state.
 D
8. A well-composed baroque opera achieves a delicate balance by
 focusing alternately on the aural, visual, emotional, and
 A B C
philosophy elements.
 D
9. Manufacturers may use food additives for preserving, to color,
 A B
to flavor, or to fortify foods.
 C D
10. A bankruptcy may be either voluntary nor involuntary.
 A B C D

Section Five: Latihan Skill 1-15

1. The three basic chords in _____ the tonic, the dominant, and the subdominant.
(A) functional harmony (C) functional harmony are
(B) functional harmony is (D) functional harmony they are
2. _____ Hale Telescope, at the Palomar Observatory in southern California, scientists can photograph objects several billion light years away.
(A) The (C) They use the
(B) With the (D) It is the
3. Without the proper card installed inside the computer, _____ impossible to run a graphical program.
(A) is definitely (C) it is
(B) because of (D) is
4. The charter for the Louisiana lottery was coming up for renewal, _____ spared no expense in the fight to win renewal.
(A) the lottery committee
(B) so the lottery committee and
(C) so the lottery committee
(D) the lottery committee made
5. While in reality Alpha Centauri is a triple star, _____ to the naked eye to be a single star.
(A) it appears (C) appears
(B) but it appears (D) despite it
6. Many companies across the country have molded the concepts _____ describes into an integrated strategy for preventing stress.
(A) and Wolf (C) what Wolf
(B) that Wolf (D) so Wolf
7. _____ in the first draft of the budget will not necessarily be in the final draft.
(A) Although it appears (C) What appears
(B) It appears (D) Despite its appearance

8. If a food label indicates that a food is mostly carbohydrate, it does not mean _____ is a good food to eat.
 (A) and it (C) that it
 (B) and (D) when
9. A need for space law to include commercial concerns has been recognized inasmuch _____ been expanding drastically in recent years.
 (A) the commercial launch industry
 (B) the commercial launch industry has
 (C) as has the commercial launch industry
 (D) as the commercial launch industry has
10. The report on the nuclear power plant indicated that when the plant had gone on line _____ unsafe.
 (A) and it had been (C) had been
 (B) it had been (D) that it had been
11. The growth of hair _____ cyclical process, with phases of activity and inactivity.
 (A) it is (C) which is
 (B) is a (D) a regular
12. The fire _____ to have started in the furnace under the house.
 (A) is believed (C) they believe
 (B) that is believed (D) that they believe
13. In Roman numerals, _____ symbols for numeric values.
 (A) are letters of the alphabet
 (B) letters of the alphabet are
 (C) which uses letters of the alphabet
 (D) in which letters of the alphabet are

Pilih kelompok kata pasangannya!

14. The legal systems of most countries can be classified _____ common law or civil law.
 (A) as either (C) either to
 (B) either as (D) to either

15. One difference between mathematics and language is that mathematics is precise _____.
(A) language is not _____ (C) but language not
(B) while language is not (D) while is language
16. Your criticism of the three short stories should not be less than 2,000 words, nor _____ more than 3,000.
(A) should it be (C) it is
(B) it should be (D) should be it

Pilihlah bagian yang salah sebagai jawaban yang tepat.

17. In 1870, the attorney general was made head of the Department
of Justice, given an enlarged staff, and endow with clear-cut
law-enforcement functions.
18. The General Sherman Tree, the largest of all the giant sequoias,
are reputed to be the world's largest living thing.
19. The skeleton of a shark is made of cartilage rather than having
bone.
20. At least one sample of each of the brands contains measurable
amounts of aflatoxin, and there is three which exceed the
maximum.