

Parallelism in Practice

Before we begin, some tips for the road:

1. When writing instructions, use **present tense action verbs** (forms of the verb “have” are not considered “action verbs”)
2. Remember that each line should start with an action verb
3. Remove extraneous information
4. Reorder information if needed to achieve parallelism

Revise this text to make the list parallel in structure

- Move some of the text into the blank space

(no change needed)

- Centering the picture

Center the picture

- Centering the picture and add text to each side

Add text to each side

- On the right of the picture, tell a little bit about the picture (who owns the balloon, what year and where this picture was taken, etc.)

Write about the picture on the right side

Tell a little bit about the picture on the right side (etc)

- Have pictures that stretch the length of the screen, like with a panoramic camera

Stretch pictures the length of the screen

- Or as a last resort even take the picture out

Take the picture out if need be (Take the picture out as a last resort)