***PRACTICE EXERCISE***

Complete the exercises on the backside of this worksheet for more practice on using Parallel Structure.

A. In the four sentences below, circle the correct word or phrase that gives the sentence correct parallel structure.

1. Justin was excited about inviting friends over, eating a good meal, and \_\_\_ .

a. …a game of cards.

b. …to play cards.

c. ...playing a game of cards.

2. I have always enjoyed reading the book more than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. …I watched the movie version.

b. …watching the movie.

c. …to watch the movie.

3. When the weather outside is cold and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I like to be indoors.

a. …starting to get windy…

b. …windy…

c. …getting windy…

4. Running, lifting, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are three of Ashley’s favorite exercises.

a. …racquetball…

b. …a spinning class…

c. …bicycling…

B. In the sentences below, write a word or phrase in the blank that gives the sentence Parallel

Structure.

1. The little girl liked eating cookies better than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at her

grandmother’s house.

2. Students like to sleep, relax and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ during

the summer.

3. He went to the store to pick up a carton of milk and two \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. Food, shelter, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are all

I need to survive on a deserted island.

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is much better than a visit to the dentist.

Answers: A. 1.c, 2. b, 3. b, 4. c <> B. 1: -ing verbal, e.g. “drinking milk” 2. Infinitive Verb, e.g. “travel” 3. Plural

Noun, e.g. “dozen eggs” 4. Noun or Nown Phrase, e.g. “water” 5. Noun or Noun Phrase, e.g. “a trip to the zoo”

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