



English I: Writing: Module 7: Practice 3: Section 5: Your Turn

Parallelism of Details

Revisions in Parallelism

Instructions: Read the following short essay about friendship. Look for the numbered places where revising for parallelism would improve the power and flow of the writing. Write the revised sentences in the spaces provided on page two. Mouse over the "Suggested Revisions" buttons to view sample responses, and click on the "Suggested Revisions: Final Draft" button to see a complete revised draft. In the complete revised draft, mouse over the underlined notes on page three to see further explanations related to the suggested revisions. Don't worry if your revision doesn't exactly match the suggested one. Paying attention to where the parallel structures were added and checking that you made a revision at those points is more important.



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Honest Friendships

(1) Friends should be honest with each other. It prevents misunderstandings if you are honest. Also, there is a stronger bond between friends who know the truth about each other.

If a person finds out that a friend hasn't told the truth about something, the person might, very reasonably and not unexpectedly, get angry. The friend might think that he was not told the truth because he was not worth it. A friend of mine got angry because I didn't tell her I was invited to a party that I knew she wasn't invited to. (2) I didn't want her to feel I didn't trust her. I was really afraid that her feelings would be hurt. From that little misunderstanding, I've learned that it is always better to tell the truth to a friend. Lying is not ever a better idea. Misunderstandings can be prevented when friends are honest.

In addition to preventing misunderstandings, honesty can strengthen friendship bonds. Suppose that you are afraid of something, and you don't want to talk about it. (3) Maybe you are embarrassed about being afraid, or it's even possible that you feel shame about it. Do you think it is going to make your best friend feel closer to you if you don't talk about this? Do you think your friend is going to think you are connected more solidly in the friendship if you don't mention the embarrassment or how you feel ashamed? If it is hard to admit such things to yourself, it is even harder to be open with your friends. However, it is sharing the painful things in life along with enjoying things together that make strong friendships. Strong bonds between friends are built on knowing the truth about each other. (4) In other words, knowing the real person, both the good things and the things that maybe are not so good, is what makes you feel close.



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Suggested Revisions: Final Draft



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Friends should be honest with each other because it prevents misunderstandings and creates stronger bonds of friendship.

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