

# Parallel Structure With Correlative Conjunctions #1

Correlative conjunctions work in pairs to show how words, clauses, or phrases relate to each other. Some common examples of correlative conjunctions are **both/and**, **either/or**, **neither/nor**, and **not only/but also**. When you use correlative conjunctions in a sentence, make sure that the words or phrases they connect have parallel structures.



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[verb phrase] [noun]

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[noun] [noun]
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[verb phrase] [verb phrase]

Each sentence contains an error with the correlative conjunctions, impacting the parallel structure. Find and fix each error. The first sentence has been done for you.

- Logan plans both to enjoy a hike by his house and ~~spending~~ <sup>to spend</sup> some time playing the new video game he bought last week.
- Cherisse was not only surprised that she'd won an award for her essay but also was delighted to learn that her favorite teacher had nominated her.
- Since the teams play at different times, Alma is able to play both volleyball and play lacrosse this year.
- After a sunny and cloudless morning, the beachgoers had neither expected nor had been preparing for the afternoon storm.
- When Lamont and I visited the newly-opened Turkish bakery, I was torn between either trying the orange blossom pistachio buns or the baklava cheesecake.
- Even though he had an exam in the morning, Ansel was neither studying his notes nor went to bed at a reasonable time.