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Parallel structure means using the same or similar grammatical pattern to show that multiple ideas are equally important. Parallel structure can occur at the word, phrase, or clause level.

"The Ireland of 1963, one of the youngest of nations and the oldest of civilizations, has discovered that the achievement of nationhood is not an end but a beginning. In the years since independence, you have undergone a new and peaceful revolution, an economic and industrial revolution, transforming the face of this land while still holding to the old spiritual and cultural values. You have modernized your economy, harnessed your rivers, diversified your industry, liberalized your trade, electrified your farms, accelerated your rate growth, and improved the living standard of your people."

Parallel Structure gives the speech rhythm and power. It emphasizes the significance of what he is saying. The audience kind of gets swept up in the power of the words, in addition to what they mean, so the speech works on both a literal and emotional level.