

Parallel Structure

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. Parallelism can frequently be found in the plays of William Shakespeare. Read the excerpt from *Richard II*. Then answer the questions.

"I'll give my jewels for a set of beads,
My gorgeous palace for a hermitage,
My gay apparel for an almsman's gown,
My figured goblets for a dish of wood,
My scepter for a palmer's walking staff
My subjects for a pair of carved saints
and my large kingdom for a little grave."



1. How many sentences are in the passage? _____

2. How many instances of parallel structure? _____

3. What is the grammatical structure that is being repeated?
