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Practicing Parallel Structure

Antithesis is a sophisticated rhetorical device that it is difficult to get right. The best antithesis will arise naturally out of your writing. But to get your creative juice flowing in that direction, you can practice writing parallel structure. For example:

If you hang out with criminals, you'll become a criminal.

John writes music, plays instruments, and sings songs.

Read me a book, or tell me a story.

The common sayings below use parallel structure and are ALSO examples of antithesis:

Love the sinner; hate the sin.

Would you rather be a big fish in a small pond, or a small fish in a big pond?

He was brave in words, but cowardly in deeds.

DIRECTIONS: Write three sentences that use parallel structure.

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