Parallelism

Parallelism establishes balance in a sentence. Related ideas should be presented in similar forms in a sentence. For example, if you use one verb with an -ing ending, use other verbs with the same ending.

Balance Ideas in a Series

- Error: I realized that it was important to attend class, study for exams, and having fun with friends.
- Correct: I realized that it was important to attend class, study for exams, and have fun with friends.

Balance Ideas in Pairs

- Error: The instructors are requiring their student to complete peer reviews and preparing self-evaluations.
- Correct: The instructors are requiring their student to complete peer reviews and prepare self-evaluations.

Comparisons Using As/Like

- Error: Learning about yourself is just as important as to receive a high grade.
- Correct: Learning about yourself is just as important as receiving a high grade.