

平行结构在英语写作中很重要。首先，我们要区分短语和句子。比如，Throwing papers along the streets就是短语而Peter threw papers along the streets yesterday morning.就是句子。句子又分为独立句和从句。比如，Thousands of people walk every day.是独立句而When thousands of people walk every day,却是从句。平行结构是指在语法上两个或两个以上罗列的事物必须结构上相同。比如，To design her own clothes and making them are two Rebecca's goals. 这个句子不是平行结构，因为to design her own clothes 是动词不定式短语而making them是动名词短语，所以这两个结构不同。如何使它们结构相同？要么把动名词短语改为动词不定式短语，要么把动词不定式短语改为动名词短语。比如，Designing her own clothes and making them are two Rebecca's goals. or To design her own clothes and to make them are two Rebecca's goals. 大家试着做一下下面的句子，问自己下面的句子是平行结构吗？如果是，指出哪部分是平行结构。如果不是，哪部分不是平行结构？为什么？请把它们变成平行结构。

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上面句子不是平行结构 (Parallel Structure).上面三个画线部分都是介词从句和短语(prepositional clause and phrase), 但它们的语法结构不同。第一个画线部分为宾语从句(object clause), 第二画线部分为动名词短语(gerund phrase), 第三画线部分为疑问句(question)。如何使此句为平行结构呢？首先，我们把三个画线的部分都变成宾语从句。第一部分不变，把第二部分和第三部分变成宾语从句。请看变化。

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