

A Writer's Technique:

Parallel Structure

Parallel structure:

- starting several phrases in a row with the same words
- e.g Ms. Rosen does not yell, does not get mad, does not like using an angry tone of voice.
- e.g. Ms. Rosen prefers to speak in a friendly tone of voice, in a welcoming tone of voice, in an encouraging manner.

The sun is **beginning to** shine,
beginning to burn through the clouds,
beginning to warm up the day
and bring smiles to faces.

The birds are flying,
flying away from the northern tundra,
flying away from the coming winter,
flying down to the southern climates
where the weather is warm.

The leaves are falling,
falling from the stately cottonwood trees,
falling from the majestic maple trees,
falling from the rustling birch trees
and heaping upon the dying grass.

With a partner, think of a sentence that repeats the same phrase at least 3 times.

Use one of these phrases:

- blowing across
- coming to
- giving away
- ringing through
- running over
- writing down
- collecting from
- munching on
- listening to
- soaring over
- swirling down
- digging out
- falling from

Practise your sentence so that you will be ready to stand and say it to the class.
