Parallelism

Items in a series are parallel if they are of the same grammatical structure.

Composing with attention to parallelism improves the balance, rhythm, and clarity of your writing.

Items in a series or list

After the camping trip, I was exhausted, filthy, and wanted to eat everything in sight.

The main results of the university's curriculum reform were that class size decreased, more multi-cultural classes, and students being allowed to choose a pass/fail option.

With correlative conjunctions (either/or, both/and, not only/but also, etc)

I wanted not only to start a new job but go to a new school as well.

He made up his mind either to paint the van or sell it.

Make sure you include all necessary words (prepositions, articles, verb forms, etc) to make the structure clear and grammatically correct.

To balance sentence structure

Our compact car provides better mileage; more comfort is provided by our station wagon.