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## Parallel Structure – Exercise 3

This handout accompanies Exercise 3 of **Grammar Bytes!** Get the answers by doing the interactive version of the exercise at this address: <http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm>

**Directions:** Choose the option that maintains parallel structure in the sentence.

1. When Delores realized that her father had made lima beans and rice for dinner, she \_\_\_\_\_, claimed to feel nauseous, and excused herself from the table. The bag of stale popcorn in her room would tide her over until breakfast.
  - A. clutched her stomach
  - B. was clutching her stomach
  - C. did clutch her stomach
2. Not only did Hank despise the way June chewed with her mouth open, \_\_\_\_\_ finding her wet towels all over the bathroom floor.
  - A. but also disliked
  - B. but also disliking
  - C. but he also disliked
3. To protect her delicate hands, Fran will not rake the yard, do the dishes, or \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. refuses to scrub the bathtub
  - B. won't scrub the bathtub
  - C. scrub the bathtub
4. When Diane takes her beagle for a walk, Santana enjoys sniffing for edible garbage, \_\_\_\_\_, and lunging at squirrels.
  - A. howls at bicyclists
  - B. howling at bicyclists
  - C. she howls at bicyclists
5. After Amanda cashes her paycheck, the money goes to her savings account, cappuccino fund, and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. paying her credit card bill
  - B. toward her credit card balance
  - C. credit card balance
6. In preparation for her run, Alicia \_\_\_\_\_, applied sunscreen, and increased the volume on her iPod.
  - A. tightened her shoelaces
  - B. was tightening her shoelaces
  - C. did tighten her shoelaces