

Structure Echo Answer Key

A correct imitation should include:

- Four sentences that follow the **same structural progression** as the model.
- Atmospheric opening, followed by a close-up movement detail, followed by a widened view or shift, ending with a mood-based concluding idea.
- Original content with no copying of the model's topic or imagery.

Sample Acceptable Imitation: A faint shimmer of dust floated above the quiet library shelves, softening the glow of the early lamps. Nearby, a stack of books wobbled slightly as someone eased a heavy volume back into place. Farther down the row, long shadows stretched across the carpet as more lights flickered on. The whole room seemed to settle into a calm rhythm, ready for another quiet morning of turning pages. (Any paragraph that mirrors the model's structural pacing is acceptable.)

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Strengthens students' control of descriptive pacing and structural imitation, helping them notice how strong paragraphs are built.
- **Differentiation:**
 - Break the model paragraph into labeled parts to show its structural moves before students imitate it.
 - Offer sentence starters for students who need extra scaffolding.
- **Engagement Tips:**
 - Encourage students to choose topics they enjoy to keep imitation meaningful.
 - Create a quick gallery walk where students compare how similar structure can produce very different scenes.
- **Extension Ideas:**
 - Have students imitate the structure again with a new tone, such as tense or joyful.
 - Invite students to write a contrasting paragraph that intentionally breaks the model's pacing rules and discuss the effect.