Pattern #5 – A series of balanced pairs

A and B, C and D, E and F.
(may be in any slot in the sentence)

Explanation- This pattern has a series with an even number of items – four or six or eight. Balance these in pairs with a conjunction between the items in each pair. This construction creates a balanced rhythm, but make sure the rhythm fits your sentence. Read your sentence aloud; listen to the cadence of your words because rhythm is an important feature. Does your sentence have an orderly progression with a kind of climactic order? Can you hear the items balanced against each other? Do you like the way the paired words sound together?

Examples- The actual herbs in special vinegars – thyme and basil, rosemary and garlic, hot pepper and chive – float in beautifully designed bottles.

The story of Spain is a history of kings and poets, saints and conquistadores, emperors and revolutionaries, Cervantes and Picasso, Franco and Juan Carlos, the Alhambra and the Escorial.

Antony and Cleopatra, Romeo and Juliet, Tristan and Isolde, Lancelot and Guinevere were all famous lovers in literature.

Eager yet fearful, confident but somewhat suspicious, Meghann eyed the beautician who would cut off her long hair.