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## Definition

A word or expression is used to modify multiple words or phrases, but with different meanings or implications for each. Often involves a verb with both literal and figurative extensions.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Example

فتحت له بابها وقلبها.

She opened her door and her heart to him.

### Explanation

The word “opened” has a literal meaning with opening the door, and an figurative meaning with opening her heart.

## See also

- Zeugma and Syllepsis

## References

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