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## Definition

A rhetorical device where the communicator subtly prepares the audience by providing preliminary hints, enabling them to anticipate the message before it is explicitly delivered.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Example

كنت سعيدًا حقًا بنتائج هذا الامتحان. مبروك عليكم!  
لقد حصل كل منكم أكثر من ٩٥% درجة.

“I was really very happy with the results of this exam. Well done!  
All of you have scored more than 95%.”

## Explanation

The teacher hints at the good marks prior to stating that everyone got more than 95%.

## References

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