

## CE-2: Syntactic Grouping

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### Definition

This is to combine several things together and give a collective verdict or judgement on them together.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)



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### Example 1

دفاترك وأقلامك وكل جهدك ستكون ضرورية عند بدء العام الدراسي الجديد.

Your notebooks, your pens, and all your efforts will be essential when the new school year begins.

### Explanation

"Your notebooks", "your pens" and "all your efforts" are combined with the same judgement, of being required.

### Example 2

وَاصْبِرْ نَفْسَكَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ رَبَّهُمْ بِالْغَدَاةِ وَالْعَشِيِّ يُرْبِدُونَ وَجْهَهُ

And keep yourself patient with those who call upon their Lord in the morning and the evening, seeking His Face.

[Qur'an 18:28](#)

### Explanation

"Morning" and "evening" are combined to share the same predicate: calling upon their Lord.

### Example 3

الْمَالُ وَالْبَنُونَ زِيَّةُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا

Wealth and children are [but] adornment of the worldly life.

[Qur'an 18:46](#)

### Explanation

الْمَالُ وَالْبَنُونَ share one predicate: زِيَّةُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا. The grammatical structure shows jam' under one ḥukm.

### Example 4

إِنَّمَا الْحَمْرُ وَالْمَيْسِرُ وَالْأَنْصَابُ وَالْأَرْلَامُ رِجْسٌ

Wine, gambling, altars, and divining arrows are all filth...

[Qur'an 5:90](#)

### Explanation

There are four distinct nouns with one collective ruling: رِجْسٌ (impure/filth).

### See also

- [CE-3: Semantic Grouping](#) where the lexical items are connected by a semantic rather than syntactic relationship.

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