

# CE-4: Dividing Items

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## Definition

This is a rhetorical device where a general category or statement is broken down into its constituent parts, and each part is assigned a specific trait, action, or outcome. It is used to create emphasis, rhythm, or clarity through structured elaboration.<sup>[1][2][3]</sup>

Al-Taqsīm can take several forms:

- Contrastive Attribution: opposing traits assigned to different cases.
- Logical Enumeration: listing all possibilities (like a disjunction).
- Mutual Characterization: one part clarifies or defines the other.

## Example

يجب على الطالب قبل بداية العام الدراسي أن يشتري دفاتر جديدة للكتابة، وأن يرتب مكتبه للمذاكرة، وأن يجد أقلامه لأداء الواجبات.

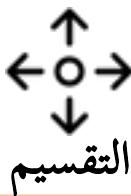
Before the new school year begins, the student must buy new notebooks for writing, organise their desk for studying, and find pens for doing homework.

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