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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.^[1]

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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