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The [Encyclopedia of Arabic Rhetoric](#) is a free content online encyclopedia dedicated to [Arabic Rhetoric](#).

Launched in 2024, the Encyclopedia of Arabic Rhetoric aims to introduce Arabic Rhetoric to an English-speaking audience, and to become an English-language source of reference about Arabic Rhetoric.

The Encyclopedia of Arabic Rhetoric principally contains a [directory of rhetorical devices](#) used in Arabic Rhetoric. The directory's pages explain how the rhetorical devices are used, along with examples and links to guide readers towards further information.

The organisation of the material in the Encyclopedia follows several overarching principles:

1. All the information is clearly referenced from published sources, in accordance with Wikipedia's "[No Original Research](#)" policy.
2. The listing of rhetorical devices reflects their currently accepted general categorisation. The exception to this is:
 - a. When a more logical re-categorisation would help the recognition of rhetorical devices in texts. For example, many sources categorise rhetorical devices in the domain of [Linguistic Embellishments \('ilm al-badr\)](#) into (i)Semantic Embellishments ([al-muhsināt al-ma'naviyā](#)) and (ii) Lexical Embellishments([al-muhsināt al-lafzīyyā](#)). However, neither is this an adequately granular sub-division, nor does it help in identifying rhetorical devices in texts. The Encyclopedia therefore dispenses with this categorisation and utilises a novel categorisation based on where in the text - within a word, or at the sentence level, or at the paragraph level for example - a rhetorical device may be located.
 - b. When the grouping together of similar rhetorical devices under one rhetorical device would be possible, because the members of this group of rhetorical devices are mutually exclusive. For example, different types of simile are brought together under [Simile](#) because the different types of simile cannot occur at the same time in one [lexical item](#). The same principle applies for [Metaphor](#), [Allegory](#) and [Al-Jinās](#).

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