

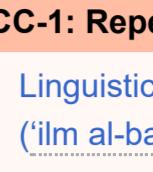
## CC-1: Repetition

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### Definition

Repeated use of a [lexical item](#) for a rhetoric purpose such as emphasis, praise or criticism. There are several types of Repetition.



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### CC-1: Repetition

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### Types of Repetition

#### 1) Repetition for emphasis

Also known as [التكرار اللغطي](#) and [التكرار التوكيد](#)

The repetition of a word or phrase in immediate succession for rhetoric purposes such as emphasis and affirmation.<sup>[1][2][3]</sup> The repeated words or phrases have the same meaning and application.

##### Example 1

فَإِنْ مَعَ الْمُشْرِبِ إِنَّمَا  
إِذْ مَعَ الْمُشْرِبِ يُشْرِبُ

"Verily with hardship come ease.

Verily with hardship comes ease."

— Qur'an 94:5-6

##### Explanation

The phrase "Verily with hardship comes ease" is repeated with the same meaning in both instances.

##### Example 2

كُلُّ سُوقٍ تَعْلَمُونَ  
مُنْ كُلُّ سُوقٍ تَعْلَمُونَ

But no! You will soon come to know.

Again, no! You will soon come to know.

— Qur'an 102:3-4

##### Explanation

The phrase "sawfa ta'lamūn" ("you will soon come to know") is repeated verbatim with the same meaning for heightened emphasis and rhetorical impact.

##### Example 3

"Our top priority was, is and always will be [education, education, education](#)."

— Tony Blair<sup>[4]</sup>

##### Explanation

The word "education" is repeated with the same meaning in each instance.

##### Further Information

- [Epizeuxis / Palilogia](#)

#### 2) Distributed Repetition

Also known as [الزددي](#)

The repetition of a word or phrase separated by another word or phrase. The repeated words or phrases can have the same or different meanings and applications.<sup>[5][3]</sup>

##### Example

وَهُوَ الْعَظِيمُ مِنَ الرَّبِّ الْعَظِيمِ أَتَيْ يُبَدِّيُ الْعَظِيمَ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالْحِكْمَةِ

He is the great one, [apostle] of the Great Lord, who came

To display great signs and wisdom.

— Al-Nâbulus<sup>[6]</sup>

##### Explanation

The same word [al-'azîm](#) is used 3 times. In each case it has a different inflectional form: nominative in the first instance, genitive in the second instance, and accusative in the third instance.

##### See Also

- [CA-1: Complete Paronomasia](#) where the same word is used with different meanings
- [B-7: Pun](#) where the same phrase is repeated with different meanings

##### Further Information

- [Ploce](#)

#### 3) Terminal Repetition

Also known as [تكرار النهاية](#)

Repetition of the same word or expressions at the end of the sentence for affirmation.<sup>[7]</sup>

##### See also

- [Epistrophe](#)

#### 4) Emphatic Repetition<sup>[8]</sup>

Where the repeated element could have been included in a general term, but is intentionally mentioned separately for effect.

##### See also

- [Repetition](#)

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