

A-10: Use of Noun in Place of Pronoun

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Definition

The communicator does not use a pronoun even though the proper name has already been mentioned. This emphasises and highlights the proper name. It is typically used to build a closer connection to the referent.^{[1][2]}

A particular type of this device involves the repetition of the noun. This lexical repetition can achieve several rhetorical effects (see [Example 1](#)).^[3]

Example 1

أُولَئِكَ حِزْبُ اللَّهِ ۚ أَلَا إِنَّ حِزْبَ اللَّهِ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

They are the party of Allah. Indeed, Allah’s party is bound to succeed.

[Qur'an 58:22](#)

Explanation

The second mention of Allah should have been made pronoun. However, the noun "Allah" is mentioned again for glorification.

Example 2

When Salim returns from having met Karim:

فاطمة: ماذا قلتَ لـكريم؟ قل لي ماذا قلتَ لـكريم؟ أريد أن أعرف ما قلتَ لـكريم.

Fatima: What did you say to Karim? Tell me what you said to Karim! I want to know what you said to Karim.

Explanation

After having mentioned Karim’s name, it would be natural for Fatima to refer to Karim with the personal pronoun *huwa*. However, she uses Karim's name repeatedly, for rhetorical effect.

See also

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