

CE-5: Grouping Then Dividing

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Definition

This is a rhetorical device where a general collective statement is made first (*jam'*), and then this is divided or detailed (*taqṣīm*).^{[1][2]}

Example

الله يتوفى الأنفس حين موتها وألتى لم تمت في منامها

God takes the souls at the time of their death, and those that did not die [He takes] during their sleep...

[Qur'an 39:42](#)

Explanation

This verse is structured as a general statement first, then detailed elaboration.

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