

Devices of Repetition for Emphasis

Anadiplosis	Same term ends one clause, begins next <i>To philosophize is to understand; to understand is to explain oneself; to explain is to relate.</i> Brand Blanshard
Anaphora	Same term begins successive clauses <i>I didn't like the swimming pool, I didn't like swimming, and I didn't like the swimming instructor, and after all these years I still don't.</i> James Thurber
Antistrophe	Same term ends successive clauses <i>Capital would not invest in the U. S. merchant marine, the average citizen would not sail in it, and the working native-born American would not accept employment in it.</i> William McFee
Chiasmus	Same terms repeated in reverse order <i>Whether the system made the criminal or the criminal made the system it is here irrelevant to enquire.</i> W. H. Lewis <i>Engineers will become leaders, leaders will become engineers, and the world will have a better chance of avoiding disaster.</i> Samuel C. Florman
Diacope	Same term separated by one or two words <i>Everyone is a little weary now, weary and resigned, everyone except Sandy Slagle, whose bitterness is still raw.</i> Joan Didion
Epanalepsis	Same word begins and ends sentence <i>Problem gives rise to problem.</i> Robert Louis Stevenson
Epizeuxis	Word repeated immediately <i>A horse is galloping, galloping up from Sutton.</i> Amy Lowell <i>. . . the old, old words worn thin, defaced by careless usage.</i> Joseph Conrad
Polyptoton	Word repeated in different form <i>Dead darkness lay on all the landscape; dead darkness added its own hush to the hushing dust on all the roads.</i> Charles Dickens <i>He took things easy, and his fellow freebooters took almost everything easily.</i> Hodding Carter

Ploche	<p>Word repeated in different sense</p> <p><i>Visitors whom Ludovico Sforza desired to impress were invariably ushered into the Sala del Tesoro; they rubbed their eyes, he rubbed his hands; they returned home blinded, he remained at home blind.</i> Ralph Roeder</p>
Symploche	<p>One term opens successive clauses; another term ends them</p> <p><i>The average autochthonous Irishman is close to patriotism because he is close to the earth; he is close to domesticity because he is close to the earth; he is close to doctrinal theology and elaborate ritual because he is close to the earth.</i> G. K. Chesterton</p>
Tautotes	<p>Word repeated two or more times</p> <p><i>Mr. and Mrs. Veneering were bran-new people in a bran-new house in a bran-new quarter of London. Everything about the Veneerings was spick and span new.</i> Charles Dickens</p>