

Anaphora

Anaphora is a figure of speech in which words or phrases repeat at the beginning of successive sentences, clauses or phrases.

“Anaphora occurs when a word or phrase is repeated in sentences to give the phrase or the sentences emphasis or a stronger, or different, tone. Repetition of a phrase gives the phrases more strength.”—www.kidskonnnect.com

Example 1:

“And I say to you today my friends, let freedom ring. From the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire, let freedom ring. From the mighty mountains of New York, let freedom ring. From the mighty Alleghenies of Pennsylvania!

Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado!

Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California!

But not only there; let freedom ring from the Stone Mountain of Georgia!

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain in Tennessee!

Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill in Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.”—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929 – 1968)

Example 2:

“When evil men plot, good men must plan. When evil men burn and bomb, good men must build and bind. When evil men shout ugly

words of hatred, good men must commit themselves to the glories of love.”—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929 – 1968)

Example 3:

I remember a piece of old wood with termites running around all over it the termite men found under our front porch.

I remember when one year in Tulsa by some freak of nature we were invaded by millions of grasshoppers for about three or four days.

I remember, downtown, whole sidewalk areas of solid grasshoppers.

I remember a shoe store with a big brown x-ray machine that showed up the bones in your feet bright green.”—Joe Brainard (1941 – 1994)

Example 4:

From the memories of the bird that chanted to me,
From your memories sad brother, from the fitful risings and fallings
I heard,
From under that yellow half-moon late-risen and swollen as if with
tears,
From those beginning notes of yearning and love there in the mist,
From the thousand responses of my heart never to cease,
From the myriad thence-arous'd words,
From the word stronger and more delicious than any,
From such as now they start the scene revisiting,”—from “Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking” by American poet, journalist, and essayist, Walt Whitman (1819 – 1892)

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