

LITERAL REPTITON

DEFINITION:

To use Literal Repetition in writing means to repeat the exact same words or groups of words several times within a short section of the piece OR at regular intervals throughout the entire work.

This technique can improve writing, both poetry and prose, in several ways.

- ✍ It creates dramatic effect; it give the writing *spice*. Life is drama and people love to experience it.
- ✍ It can reinforce the emotional mood or tone of the poem. Edgar Allan Poe used the repeated word, “Nevermore!” to heighten the growing madness and terror of the narrator in his poem “The Raven”.

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GRAMMATICAL REPETITION : Conjunctions

DEFINITION:

To use Grammatical Repetition in writing means to repeat the same grammatical structure several times within a short section of the piece OR at regular intervals throughout the entire work.

One effective way to use this skill in writing is to repeat similar groups of words containing the same Conjunction: they are *and*, *but*, *or*, *nor*, and *for*. This technique can also improve writing, both poetry and prose.

- ✎ Like Literal Repetition, Grammatical creates dramatic effect, and is especially useful if you want your writing to build to a specific point or emotional peak.
- ✎ Melodrama often uses this technique to build tension: "...and then he grabbed her, and then he gagged her, and then he tied her to the railroad track, and then the train started coming!"

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GRAMMATICAL REPETITION : Phrases and Clauses

DEFINITION:

Another Grammatical Structure you can choose to use as a writing tool is the repetition of phrases and clauses.

This technique can also improve writing, both poetry and prose.

- ✎ Grammatical Repetition of phrases and clauses also adds flavor and interest to your writing by verbally pounding out or reinforcing an idea, emotion or activity.
- ✎ The famous line by Abraham Lincoln “government of the people, by the people, and for the people...” leaves no one in doubt that his emphasis is the democratic system of government.

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