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From The Encyclopedia of Arabic Rhetoric

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Such content represents the inherited body of Arabic rhetorical knowledge as preserved in the classical and modern tradition of *al-balāgha*, which studies how meaning is conveyed effectively, beautifully, and persuasively through language.

Linguistic Operations

Content classified as "From the sources" operates through direct transmission of knowledge from the rhetorical tradition.

It includes:

- Definitions stated explicitly in rhetorical works
- Classifications of devices and their subtypes
- Examples cited by classical or modern authors
- Explanations that closely follow source wording or meaning

Such content must:

- Be traceable to a specific cited passage (<ref>)
- Preserve the meaning of the source without extension
- Avoid introducing new terminology or conceptual distinctions not present in the source

Minimal paraphrase is permitted only where necessary to clarify wording, provided that no additional meaning is introduced.

Recognition

Content is considered "From the sources" when:

- It is supported by a specific citation (<ref>) pointing to a source
- It reproduces or closely paraphrases a definitional or explanatory statement from a source
- It reflects terminology and distinctions used in the sources themselves
- It does not introduce new analytical structure beyond what is explicitly stated

Conversely, content is not "From the sources" if:

- It reorganises or systematises multiple source statements into a new structure
- It introduces diagnostic tests, mechanisms, or terminology not explicitly stated in the sources
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