

Rhetorical device

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A **rhetorical device** is an identifiable linguistic operation used within [rhetorical action](#). Examples include [Metaphor](#), [Simile](#), [Repetition](#), and [Antithesis](#).

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More specifically, within the [Encyclopedia of Arabic Rhetoric](#) and its [Model for Rhetorical Action](#), a rhetorical device is the instrument of the [Linguistic Operation Step](#): an identifiable linguistic action which establishes or activates a [Cognitive Relationship](#) between a [communicator](#) and an [addressee](#), through which [Communicative Enhancement](#) may arise.

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