Abstract

This study deals with 'antimetabole' as one of the figures of speech in English as well as Arabic. 'Antimetabole' is a figure in which words are repeated in reverse grammatical order. The study aims at giving a somehow adequate investigation of 'antimetabole' in English and Arabic. Moreover, it aims at identifying the similarities and differences of this figure of speech in both languages.

This study consists of three main sections. The first main section which is devoted to 'antimetabole' in English is subdivided into three subsections. The first section deals with the concept of 'antimetabole'. The second section introduces the variations on the antimetabolic theme. The third section shows the rhetorical functions of 'antimetabole'. The second main section which is concerned with 'antimetabole' in Arabic has also three subsections. The concept of 'antimetabole' is dealt with in the first section. It is followed by a section on an antimetabolic variation and another on the rhetorical functions of 'antimetabole'. In the third main section, the similarities and differences of 'antimetabole' in both languages are illustrated. At last, the conclusion sums up the findings of the study.

1. 'Antimetabole' in English