



# Polysyndeton

Polysyndeton is a literary device in which a single conjunction, most commonly and, is repeated in close succession. The word polysyndeton is Greek, and it means “many connected.”

You are probably used to hearing polysyndeton in elevated speech. Because it appears often in the King James Bible and in the works of Shakespeare, it is part of the literary tradition that has helped to shape the English language.

## EXAMPLE:

“And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.” [1 Corinthians 13:2]

**DIRECTION:** Underline the polysyndeton in each sentence.

1. I brought her flowers, and chocolates, and told her she is pretty, and asked her if she would go out with me, and she said yes.
2. I'll have the steak, and the soup, and a salad, and the shrimp for an appetizer. And bring some bread.
3. I watched the movie, and I read the book, and I still don't understand what this story is about, and I still don't care.
4. I called him for days, for weeks, for months, for a whole year I called him, and not once did he ever answer.