

Tautology

Tautology means saying the same thing twice using different words. The word tautology comes from the Greek words *tauto*, which means “the same,” and *logos*, which means “a word or an idea.” Tautology is not the same as repetition: repetition is repeating the exact same words. Tautology is repeating the same idea.

Underline the tautology in each sentence.

1. That girl is completely devoid of talent.
2. Suddenly, they all started shouting out loud.
3. My neighbor has been grieving in bereavement for months.
4. I am a firm believer in forward planning.
5. That house was finally razed to the ground.



Write three more sentences that include tautologies of your own.

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