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Diacope is the repetition of a word or phrase with other words in between. The word diacope comes from the Greek word *diakopē*, which means "to cut into two." The function of a diacope is to emphasize, describe, or specify something. A diacope can also be used to express a strong emotion or to call attention to certain words by repeating them. Poetically, it makes a phrase more rhythmic.

A famous example of a diacope is the first line of Hamlet's famous soliloquy:

"To be or not to be, that is the question."