

# Anaphora

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The repetition of a word or expression at the beginning of successive phrases, sentences or verses.

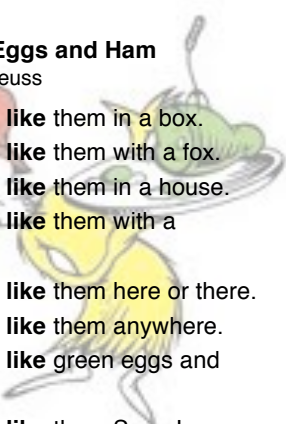
## Using Anaphoras Appropriately

Anaphora emphasizes the main idea in a piece of writing by repeating words that echo the key themes of the document. This repetition evokes empowering, imaginative and thoughtful emotions from the audience and readers. Anaphoras are found in many historical speeches and literature, and continue to be used in many different contexts today.

- Choose simple phrases or words to repeat, such as “I have a dream...” or “Keep your...”
- Choose phrase and words that emphasize the main idea of the document.
- Combining an anaphora with other rhetorical devices can make a message more powerful.

### Green Eggs and Ham

By: Dr. Seuss

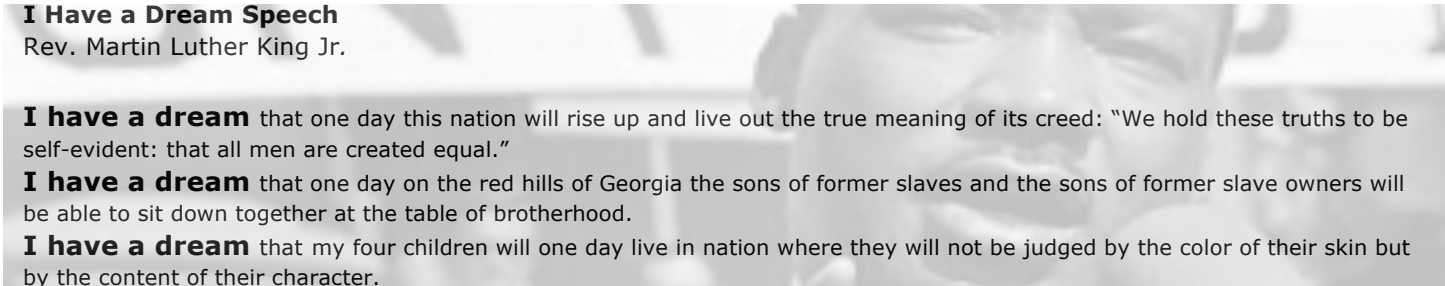


I **do not like** them in a box.  
I **do not like** them with a fox.  
I **do not like** them in a house.  
I **do not like** them with a mouse.  
I **do not like** them here or there.  
I **do not like** them anywhere.  
I **do not like** green eggs and ham.  
I **do not like** them Sam, I am.



### I Have a Dream Speech

Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.



I **have a dream** that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: “We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.”

I **have a dream** that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I **have a dream** that my four children will one day live in nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.