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n.

1. The deliberate repetition of a word or phrase at the beginning of several successive verses, clauses, or paragraphs; for example, "*We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills*" ([Winston S. Churchill](#)).

2. *Linguistics* The use of a linguistic unit, such as a pronoun, to refer to the same person or object as another unit, usually a noun. The use of *her* to refer to the person named by *Anne* in the sentence *Anne asked Edward to pass her the salt* is an example of anaphora.

[Late Latin, from Greek, from *anapherein*, to bring back : *ana-*, *ana-* + *pherein*, to carry; see **bher-**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

an'a·phor ic (ăn'ə-fôr ĭk) *adj.*

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