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A figure of speech in which two words connected by a conjunction are used to express a single notion that would normally be expressed by an adjective and a substantive, such as *grace and favor* instead of *gracious favor*.

[Late Latin, from Greek *hen dia duoin*, one by means of two : *hen*, neuter of *heis*, one; see **sem-**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *dia*, through + *duoin*, genitive of *duo*, two; see **dwo-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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