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n.

A figure of speech that uses deviation from normal or logical word order for rhetorical effect, as in anastrophe or hysteron proteron.

[Greek *hyperbaton*, from neuter of *hyperbatos*, transposed, from *hyperbainein*, to step over : *hyper-*, over, across; see [HYPER-](#) + *bainein*, to step; see **g^Wā-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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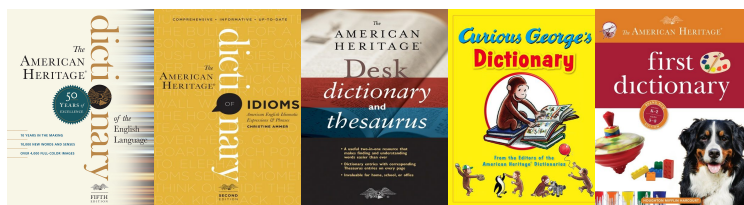
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