Triple Extensions – repeating words or phrases THREE times

Note: Repeating words/phrases two times sounds elementary, like the writer couldn’t think of another way to express the idea, but repeating a word or phrase three times sounds purposeful and a bit sophisticated.

1. **Word Repetition** – using the same word in the same sentence or in sequential sentences.
   o Fearing for his sheep, fearing that the villagers would not arrive in time, and ultimately fearing for his own life, Peter screamed for help as he bolted down the hill.
   o Never in the field of conflict was so much owed by so many to so few. *(Winston Churchill)*
   o Villainy is the matter; baseness is the matter; deception, fraud, conspiracy are the matter…. *(Charles Dickens)*
   o With a common origin, a common literature, a common religion, and common drinks, what is longer needful to the cementing of the two nations together in a permanent bond of brotherhood? *(Mark Twain in a speech given in London on the 4th of July)*
   o Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning. *(Winston Churchill)*

2. **Phrase and Clausal Repetition**
   o They lived in a land where the winter was harsh, where food became scarce, and where provisions had to be stored.
   o We have not journeyed all this way across the centuries, across the oceans, across the mountains, across the prairies, because we are made of sugar candy. *(Winston Churchill)*

3. **Repeating “-ings”** - consecutive or spaced
   o Arguing, whining, and pleading with all her charm, Jenny used every means at her disposal in an attempt to persuade her father to change his mind.
   o The caste system has been condemned as serving no useful purpose, being socially harmful, and deserving to be discredited.

4. **Repeating “-lys”** - consecutive or spaced
   o The killer bees forcefully, repeatedly, and consistently pushed northward.
   o The mouse vigorously gnawed at the tough fibers and tenaciously jerked and yanked at the rope while he continuously assured the lion of escape.

5. **Repeating adjectives or nouns** - consecutive
   o Peter’s deceptive cries for help finally determined the attitude, behavior, and actions of the village people.
   o The patient, persistent, and personable tortoise determined that at least he would have a chance.
   o “…and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

6. **Repeating verbs** – consecutive or spaced
   o With all his might, the mouse gnawed, jerked, and yanked at the thick rope.
   o We plan to encourage the discouraged, uplift the downtrodden, and inspire those who need help with their writing.

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