



# Mesodiplosis

**Mesodiplosis** is the repetition of a word or phrase in the middle of each phrase or clause. The purpose of mesodiplosis is to stress or emphasize the repeated word or phrase.

**DIRECTIONS:** Identify the mesodiplosis in each passage.

1.

We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed;  
We are perplexed, but not in despair:  
Persecuted, but not forsaken;  
Cast down, but not destroyed.  
~ Holy Bible, "Second Epistle to the Corinthians 4:8-9"

2,

My lord, I must confess I know this woman,  
And five years since there was some speech of marriage  
Betwixt myself and her, which was broke off,  
Partly for that her promised proportions  
Came short of composition, but in chief  
For that her reputation was disvalued  
In levity. Since which time of five years  
I never spake with her, saw her, nor heard from her,  
Upon my faith and honor.  
~ William Shakespeare, "Measure for Measure Act 5 Scene 1"

