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Lesson 106 The Types of Definition (5) (اقسام التعريف)

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- Defining by example “التعريف بالمثال”: To mention instances of a thing to help the addressee understand it. It is not a fifth type of definition; rather, it is a type of ‘الرسم الناقص’ itself.
- Defining through resemblance “التعريف بالتشبيه”: Another type of ‘الرسم الناقص’ is to define through resemblance, i.e., by mentioning a resembling thing which is known for the addressee, such as resembling existence to light. It is useful in explaining abstract concepts, resembling them to tangible and sensible ones. For example, to resemble ‘متباينان’ to two parallel lines which never meet each other. Another example is resembling the instrumental conception of the mirror. As mirrors are tools that reflect things, words are instrumental for conceiving the meanings.
- Inductive method ‘الطريقة الاستقرائية’: To mention instances of a thing to help the addressee understand it or to bring instances and exercises to let the student himself understand the universal concept or the rule inductively.

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