

## Alliteration:

"Isn't that what being an international **man** of **mystery** is all about?"

-- delivered by Mike Myers (from the movie *Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery*)

"Somewhere at this very moment a child is **being born** in America. Let it be our cause to give that child a **happy home**, a **healthy family**, and a **hopeful future**."

-- Bill Clinton, 1992 Democratic National Convention Acceptance Address

"Have you **forgotten** you're **facing** the single **finest fighting force** ever assembled?"

-- delivered by Dan Aykroyd (from the movie *Dragnet*)

"And our nation itself is testimony to the love our veterans have had for it and for us. All for which America stands is safe today because brave men and women have been ready to **face** the **fire** at **freedom's front**."

-- Ronald Reagan, [Vietnam Veterans Memorial Address](#)

## Antimetabole:

"Tonight, we are a country awakened to danger and called to defend freedom. Whether we bring **our enemies to justice** or bring **justice to our enemies**, justice will be done."

-- George W. Bush, *9-20-01 Address to Congress and the Nation*

"1999 and the illusion continues. In the name of freedom, many have used art as a means to destroy the human mind. As an excuse to continue we hear, "**art reflects society**." In the name of recreation these people, in fact, are re-creating themselves in their own images; **society** then **reflects art**."

-- Prince

"And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what **your country can do for you**; ask what **you can do for your country**."

-- John F. Kennedy, *Inaugural Address*

**IMF Contact**: "And Mr. Hunt, the next time **you go on holiday** please be good enough to **let us know where you're going**."

**Tape Message**: "This message will self destruct in five seconds."

**Ethan Hunt**: "If I **let you know where I'm going**, then **I won't be on holiday**."

-- delivered by Anthony Hopkins and Tom Cruise (from the movie *Mission Impossible 2*)

## Assonance:

"I feel the **need**, the **need** for **speed**."

-- delivered by Tom Cruise and Anthony Edwards (from the movie *Top Gun*)

"Our flag is red, white, and blue -- but our nation is rainbow. Red, yellow, brown, black, and **white**, we're all precious in God's **sight**."

-- Jesse Jackson, *1984 Democratic National Convention Address*

"The gloves didn't fit. If it doesn't fit, you must acquit."

-- Johnny Cochran, Closing Arguments from the O.J. Simpson Trial

"Let's go kick the tires and the light fires big daddy."

-- delivered by Harry Connick, Jr. (from the movie *Independence Day*)

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### Expletive:

"It would be fitting and good, I think, if, on each inaugural day in future years, it should be declared a day of prayer."

-- Ronald Reagan, First Inaugural Address

"The minimum wage, I might add, today is far less than it was in 1960 and 1970 in terms of purchasing power."

-- Ralph Nader, *2000 NAACP Address*

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### Scesis Onomaton:

"For whatever reasons, Ray, call it fate; call it luck; call it karma. I believe that everything happens for a reason."

-- delivered by Bill Murray (from the movie *Ghost Busters*)

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### Epanalepsis:

But I ain't goin' no 10,000 miles to help murder and kill other poor people. If I wanna die, I'll die right here, right now fightin' you -- if I wanna die.

-- delivered by Will Smith (from the movie [Ali](#))

"Inflation is down since 1980, but not because of the supply-side miracle promised to us by the President. Inflation was reduced the old-fashioned way -- with a recession; two years of massive unemployment; more hungry, in this world of enormous affluence, the United States of America, more hungry."

-- Mario Cuomo, [1984 Democratic National Convention Keynote Address](#)

"A minimum wage that is not a livable wage can never be a minimum wage."

-- Ralph Nader

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### Simile:

Kramer: "We have to put the board in a neutral place where no one will tamper with it."

Seinfeld: "So that's here?"

Kramer: "Yes, yes you're like Switzerland."

Seinfeld: "I don't wanna be Switzerland."

-- delivered by Michael Richards & Jerry Seinfeld

"I've had some long nights in the stir. Alone in the dark with nothing but your thoughts, time can draw out like a blade. That was the longest night of my life."

-- delivered by Morgan Freeman (from the movie *The Shawshank Redemption*)

"People in the streets see it now. They're running towards the East River -- thousands of them dropping in like rats. Now the smoke's spreading faster. It's reached Times Square. People are trying to run away from it, but it's no use. They're falling like flies."

-- delivered by Orson Wells (from the original radio broadcast of War of the Worlds)