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Determine whether each statement about repetition is T(true) or F(false).

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2. Repetition is only found in prose. _____
3. Repetition is an aspect of style, tone, and rhythm. _____
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Excerpt from Winston Churchill's Speech (World War II)

1. What words/phrases does Churchill repeat?

2. What is the effect of this repetition?

3. What kind of repetition is used in this passage?

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1. What words/phrases does Churchill repeat?

The phrase "We shall fight" is repeated multiple times throughout the passage to emphasize determination and resilience.

The word "fight" appears in nearly every sentence, reinforcing the theme of defiance and perseverance.

2. What is the effect of this repetition?

The repetition creates a rhythmic and powerful tone, inspiring confidence and unity among listeners.

3. What kind of repetition is used in this passage?

The repetition of "We shall fight" at the **beginning** of successive clauses is an example of **anaphora**.