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LI: To understand and use
personification

Personification

Definition: When you make a thing, idea, or an animal do something only humans can do.

The Cat & The Fiddle

Hey diddle, Diddle,
The cat and the fiddle,
The cow jumped over the moon;
The little dog laughed
To see such sport,
And the dish ran away with the
spoon.



City Jungle

Rain splinters town.

Lizard cars cruise by;
their radiators grin.

Thin headlights stare -
shop doorways keep
their mouths shut.

At the roadside
hunched houses cough.

Newspapers shuffle by,
hands in their pockets.
The gutter gargles.

A motorbike snarls;
Dustbins flinch.

Streetlights bare
their yellow teeth.
The motorway's
cat-black tongue
lashes across
the glistening back
of the tarmac night.

Personification in poetry

- What is being personified in the poem?
- What picture does the poem create in your mind?
- How do you see the object or thing that is being personified?
- How do you feel about the object or thing that is being personified?
- Do you like the personification in this poem? If so why? If not, why not?

Personification Examples

The wind howled at me.



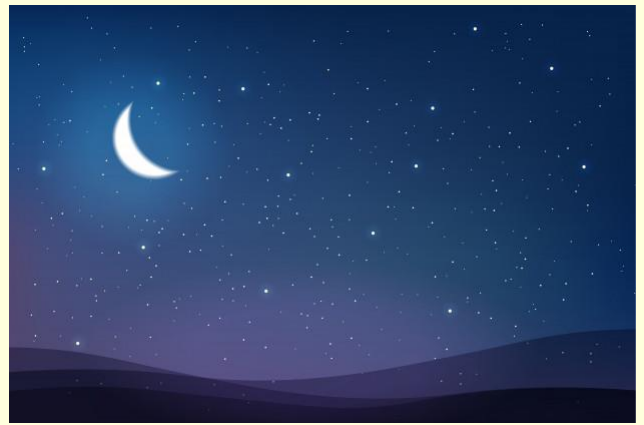
The breeze was whistling.

The sun kissed my cheek.



The camera loves me.

Time never waits for anyone.



The sky was full of dancing stars.

Detailed Personification Examples



The toothbrush wakes up with a roar and begins to dance across your teeth. It wiggles and skips from molar to canine with a giggle.

Standing tall and peering down, the breadstick surveys the enemy. It's smooth, bald head glistening under the kitchen's fluorescent lights.



Task

Write 10 sentences that use personification.

You can choose objects of your own choice, maybe things that are around you, or use some of these pictures as inspiration:

