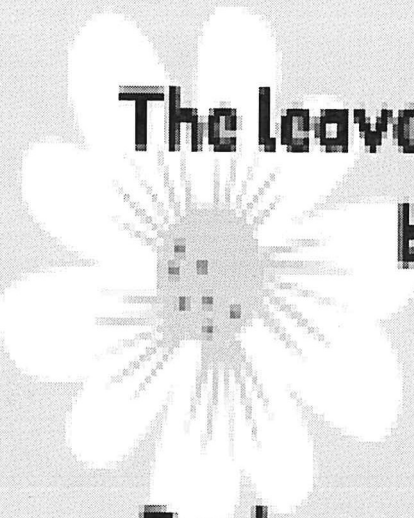
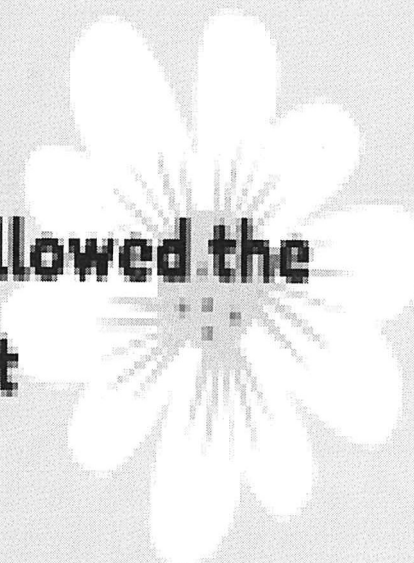


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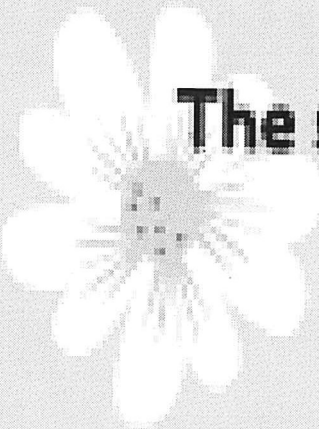
**Attributing human qualities  
to an animal or object**



**The leaves danced in the  
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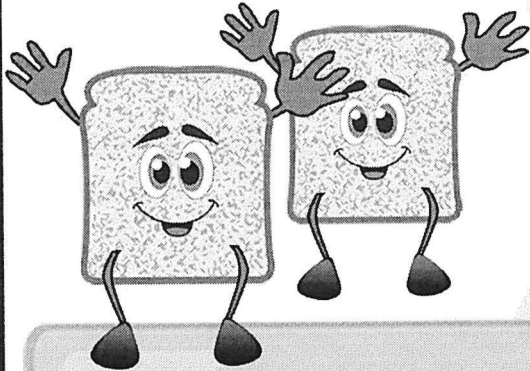


**Darkness swallowed the  
night**



**The sun was smiling in  
the sky**

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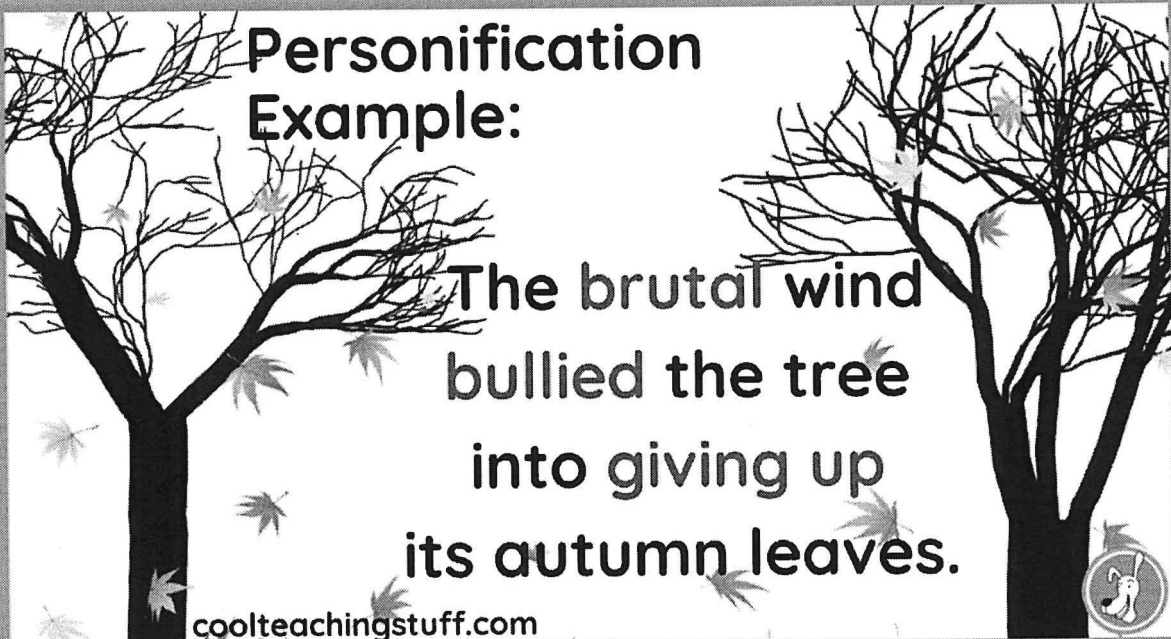
**The slices of bread  
jumped out of the  
toaster suddenly,  
scaring me.**



**Personification  
Example:**

**The brutal wind  
bullied the tree  
into giving up  
its autumn leaves.**

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# Personification

Aim: Choose and use words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination.

## Definition

Personification is a figure of speech in which an object, an idea or an animal is given human qualities.

If you can imagine an object doing actions or behaving like a person, that's personification.

## Activity

1. Match the object to the human quality to complete the sentence.

Object		Human quality
The candle flame		nodded in the wind.
The chocolate cake in the fridge		crept into the classroom.
The party		danced in the dark.
The wallflowers		sang a lonely song.
Along with the teacher, silence		was calling her name.
The wind		died as soon as he left.

2. Once you have matched the parts of the sentence, underline the object and underline the verb in each sentence.

3. What effect does the use of personification have on the reader?

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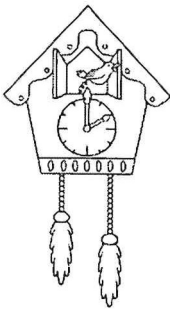
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4. Use a picture and choose a verb to create your own sentence using personification to describe the object. Use the best verb to create the image that you want to put in the reader's mind.

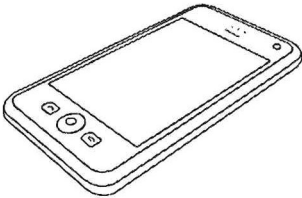
For example:

The summer sun hugged the meadow.

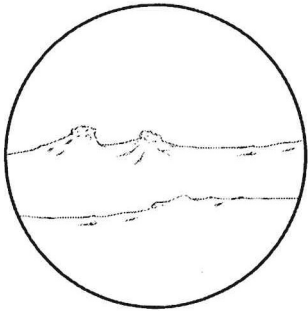


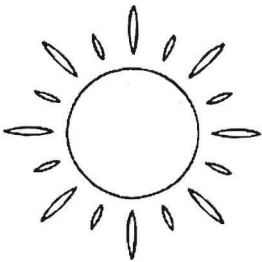
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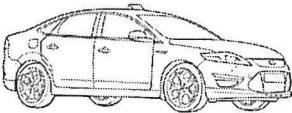
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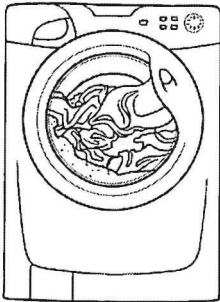


yelled

screeched



smiled



swallowed

**Challenge:**  
Can you use more than one verb to personify the objects in each sentence to create the image you want for the reader?

Use the same pictures or choose your own objects to describe.

For example:

The tiny boat danced wildly in the waves as the sails pleaded for calm.

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# Personification

## Challenge Cards

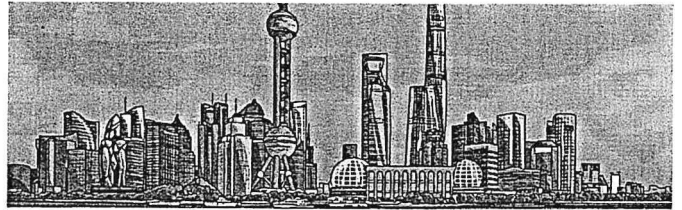
### Personification

1

First, identify what is being personified.

Then, identify the human trait, action or quality that is used.

**The city I live in never sleeps.**



### Personification

2

First, identify what is being personified.

Then, identify the human trait, action or quality that is used.

**The wind sang through the trees.**



### Personification

3

First, identify what is being personified.

Then, identify the human trait, action or quality that is used.

**My pencil raced across the page.**



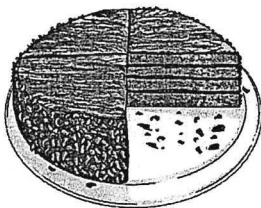
### Personification

4

First, identify what is being personified.

Then, identify the human trait, action or quality that is used.

**That cake is calling my name.**



### Personification

5

First, identify what is being personified.

Then, identify the human trait, action or quality that is used.

**The bushfire quickly swallowed up everything in its path.**



### Personification

6

First, identify what is being personified.

Then, identify the human trait, action or quality that is used.

**The time raced by as we played outside.**



### Personification

7

First, identify what is being personified.

Then, identify the human trait, action or quality that is used.

**The bad news hit me harder than I expected.**



First, identify what is being personified.

Then, identify the human trait, action or quality that is used.

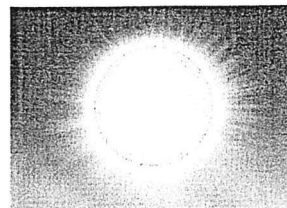
The camera loves her.



First, identify what is being personified.

Then, identify the human trait, action or quality that is used.

The sun smiled down at me.



First, identify what is being personified.

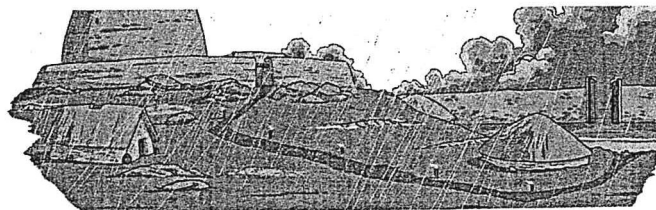
Then, identify the human trait, action or quality that is used.

The clock screams in my ear.



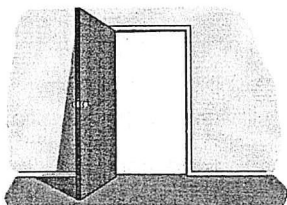
Choose a verb to complete the sentence that will make it into an example of personification.

The furious storm \_\_\_\_\_ our little shelter.



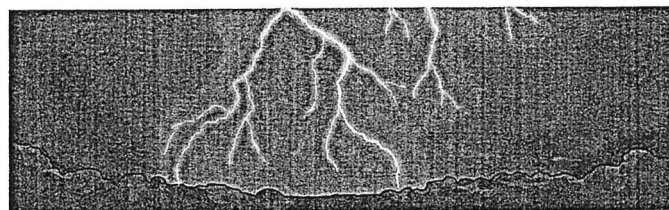
Choose a verb to complete the sentence that will make it into an example of personification.

The door \_\_\_\_\_ as it slowly swung open.



Choose a verb to complete the sentence that will make it into an example of personification.

The lightning \_\_\_\_\_ across the sky.



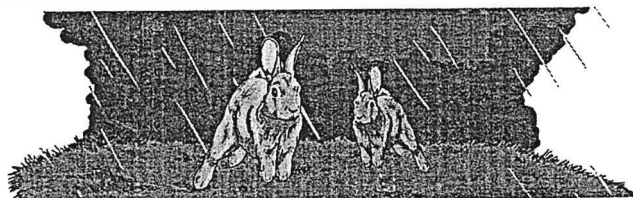
Choose a verb to complete the sentence that will make it into an example of personification.

The waves \_\_\_\_\_ at my feet.



Choose a verb to complete the sentence that will make it into an example of personification.

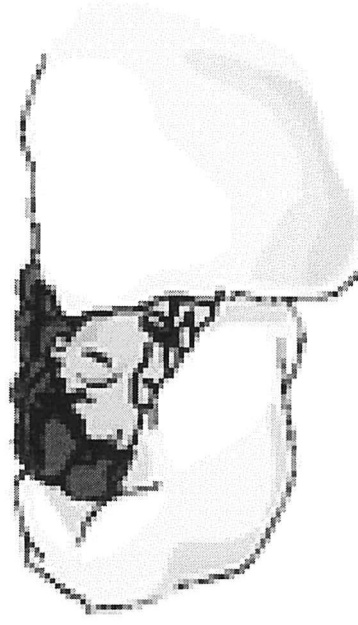
The rabbits \_\_\_\_\_ to each other  
with twitching noses.



# Simile:

a comparison of two unlike things using "like" or "as."

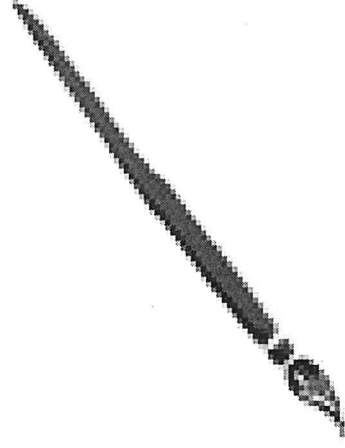
My pillow was like a cloud  
when I laid my head down.



# Metaphor:

a comparison of two unlike things not using "like" or "as."

The paintbrush was a magic  
wand in his hand.



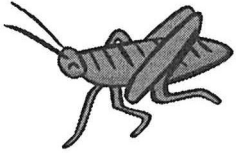
# Smashing Similes

Put a circle around the correct word.

1. The boy ran as quick as a slug/fox.
2. The coins shone as brightly as the sun/watch.
3. Jessie swam as smoothly as a sheep/fish.
4. The giant laughed as loud as whispers/thunder.
5. The bells tinkled like giants/fairies laughing.
6. The man was as tall as a cat/house.
7. The baby was as quiet as a mouse/dog.
8. The boy on the skateboard whizzed by like a rocket/snail.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# I am as...

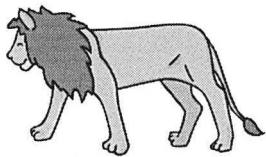
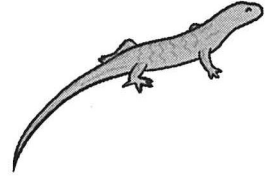


Quick as \_\_\_\_\_

Slow as \_\_\_\_\_

Small as \_\_\_\_\_

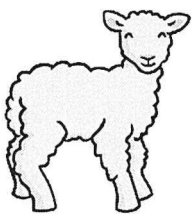
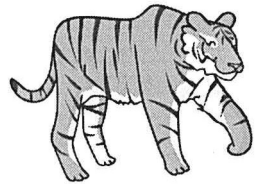
Large as \_\_\_\_\_



Sad as \_\_\_\_\_

Happy as \_\_\_\_\_

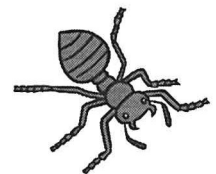
Nice as \_\_\_\_\_



Mean as \_\_\_\_\_

Cold as \_\_\_\_\_

Hot as \_\_\_\_\_



Weak as \_\_\_\_\_

Strong as \_\_\_\_\_

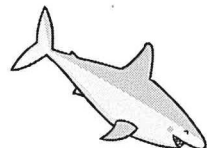
Loud as \_\_\_\_\_

Quiet as \_\_\_\_\_



Tough as \_\_\_\_\_

Gentle as \_\_\_\_\_



Brave as \_\_\_\_\_

Shy as \_\_\_\_\_

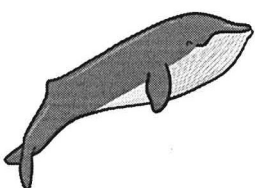
Tame as \_\_\_\_\_

Wild as \_\_\_\_\_



Lazy as \_\_\_\_\_

Busy as \_\_\_\_\_



Put it all together, and you've got me!