

Personification

Grade 5 Reading Worksheet

Figurative language uses creative words and phrases to help readers imagine something. The words do not mean exactly what they say.

Personification is when you give something human qualities (like feelings, actions or thoughts) to make the text more interesting.

A. Circle what is being personified. Underline its human action or quality.

1. The wind howled through the empty streets.
2. The stars winked in the night sky.
3. The old house groaned during the storm.
4. The clock marched forward minute by minute.

B. Read the sentence. What does the personification mean? Circle the best answer.

1. The rain tapped on the window.
This means that:
 - a. You can hear the rain quietly hitting the window.
 - b. The rain was very loud.
 - c. The window was moving.
 - d. The rain stopped.
2. The sun peeked through the clouds.
This means that:
 - a. The sun had eyes.
 - b. The sun was hiding.
 - c. The sun became visible for a moment.
 - d. The clouds disappeared.



3. The fire danced in the fireplace.

This means that:

- a. The fire looked like people.
- b. The fire was moving and flickering.
- c. The fire was loud.
- d. The fire went out.



4. The road stretched out ahead of us.

This means that:

- a. The road continued forward as far as we could see.
- b. The road moved.
- c. The road was broken.
- d. The road disappeared.

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C. Explain, in your own words, what the personification means:

1. The shadows followed us down the street.
The shadows seemed to move along with us as we walked.
2. The book called my name from the shelf.
The book seemed very interesting, and it made me want to read it!