

Figurative language is the use of words that go beyond their literal₂ meaning.

- Some examples of figurative language are similes, metaphors, hyperbole, and **personification**.

Personification is the act of giving an object or idea **human characteristics**₃.

- Personification is used by the author to create visual pictures in your mind.
- To interpret personification, determine what the **author is trying to say**.

Examples	Interpret what the author is trying to say
The sun was <u>dancing</u> in and out of the clouds.	The human characteristic of <u>dancing</u> is used to show how the sun moved in and out of the clouds.
Fear <u>grabbed</u> her when she heard footsteps behind her.	The human characteristic of <u>grabbing</u> is used to show how fear quickly overcomes a person.

Not an example of personification:

The children were dancing at the party.

My mom grabbed an apple out of the fruit bowl.

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Which one of these sentences is an example of personification? Explain your answer.

- A** The microwave timer rang like a bell.
- B** The microwave timer told me dinner was ready.

Why is My mom grabbed an apple out of the fruit bowl not an example of personification?

My mom grabbed an apple out of the fruit bowl is not an example of personification because _____.

In your own words, what is personification? "Personification is _____."

1. Read the sentence carefully.
2. Identify the human characteristics. (circle)
3. Identify the personified object or idea. (underline)
4. Interpret the personification.

1. The thick fog swallowed the boats in the marina. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

2. The waffle jumped out of the toaster. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

3. Luck abandoned him when he needed it the most. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

4. Any trust I had in Shawn walked right out the door. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

Write a sentence using personification.

5. The wind whispered through the trees. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

6. The fire danced inside the fireplace. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

7. Fairness demands that everyone is equal. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

8. The truth begs to be set free. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

Write a sentence using personification.



1. The wind threw the furniture around our backyard. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

2. Opportunity was knocking at her door. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

Why is *My sister whispered in the movie theater* not an example of personification? Explain your answer.

What did you learn today about interpreting personification? (Pair-Share)

1. The big, full moon guided me through the forest. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

2. The little arrow raced across the computer screen. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

3. The rain kissed her cheeks as it fell from the sky. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

4. The sunflowers nodded their heads in the wind. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

Write a sentence using personification.

5. The CD player coughed and then stopped working. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

6. The flashlight died, and I had to find my way back to the campsite in the dark.

Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

7. The carved pumpkin smiled at me. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

8. The candle flame danced in the dark. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

Write a sentence using personification.

1. On a hot day, the pool calls my name. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

2. The wind gave a loud shout. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

3. I am able to see the winking stars through the open window. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

4. The tree branches struggled under the weight of the snow. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

Write a sentence using personification.

1. The wind juggled the leaves on the trees. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

2. The train whistle cried out in the night. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

3. The clouds marched across the sky. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

4. The school bus spit out the students one-by-one. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

Write a sentence using personification.

1. The tropical storm slept for two days. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

2. The mountain listened closely to the rumbles beneath its surface. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

3. The pencil sprinted across the page as the boy wrote his essay. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

4. The tornado danced across the field, destroying everything in its path. Interpretation:

The human characteristic of _____ is used to show _____.

Write a sentence using personification.
