

Literary Devices

Metaphor – a comparison made by saying one thing **is** another.

Example: His face is **pink** with blushing cheeks. (metaphor: his face **is** pink)

Metonymy – a direct comparison or suggestion of similarity that does **not** use the words **like** or **as**.

Example: He did not want to be **slipped** (slipped away) and after I said for some reason:

Personification – assigning human characteristics such as feelings or actions to non-human objects.

Example: The wind **whispering** (giving human quality to wind) rather than with a **whisper**.

A. For each of the following examples, identify whether the sentence demonstrates one example of simile, metaphor, personification, or none of them using the abbreviations:

A. simile

B. metaphor

C. personification

D. none of them

1. _____ I sat there, reflecting, feeling like I could.
2. _____ When I'm old, when I'm better than the night, when I'm better.
3. _____ You may know someone's having problems making the world disappear from their life.
4. _____ And the shadow of the day will embrace the world in gray.
5. _____ Perhaps it's coming in your heart, that's why you're worried, you're broken.
6. _____ My heart's the only one that will love you.
7. _____ The stars whisper, I will be there. You are elsewhere, broken is not – when I get to where.
8. _____ I cannot get myself into I can't sleep.
9. _____ How could you be someone's someone – another someone?
10. _____ There's nothing left about the world, and my heart is crying for nothing.
11. _____ Because I'm a doctor, I'm a doctor, I'm a doctor, I'm a doctor, I'm a doctor, I'm a doctor.
12. _____ There's a feeling that I can't describe.