

Units, Metaphors, and Personification

A **metaphor** is a comparison of two things, usually from different categories.

Example:

Time is like an arrow.

The teacher smiled as she flipped the coin.

A **metonymy** is a comparison of two things that have a common relationship.

Example:

The white man spoke calmly.

The teacher's pencil.

Personification is when something that is not human is described as human.

Example:

The wind whistled through the trees.

The sun smiled down on the happy children.

Read the following sentences. Write on the left side of the page whether each sentence is a metaphor, metonymy, or personification.

_____ 1. The teacher's face was as bright as the sun.

_____ 2. The clock ticked loudly.

_____ 3. The teacher's eyes were like stars.

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