

## 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 looks stressed.

The teacher's pencil.

**Personification** is when something that is not human is given human qualities.

**Example:**

The sun was smiling brightly. (The sun can't smile.)

The wind whistled through the trees. (The wind can't whistle.)

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The teacher was very kind.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The clock ticked loudly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The teacher's eyes were like stars.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The sun was smiling brightly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The teacher's hair was like a waterfall.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The teacher was a little girl, looking like a little girl.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. The teacher was looking at the clock.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. The teacher was smiling.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. The teacher was looking at the clock.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The teacher was looking at the clock.