

## 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 characteristic.

**Example:**

The white flag flew above the battlefield.

The teacher's pencil scratched the paper.

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

**Example:**

The wind whistled through the trees. (The wind is not a person.)

The sun smiled down on the happy children. (The sun is not a person.)

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The teacher was a great guide.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The clock ticked loudly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The teacher's pencil scratched the paper.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The sun smiled down on the happy children.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The teacher's face was as red as a tomato.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The teacher was a field of knowledge for the students.
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