

Literary Devices

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

Example: He was as good as lightning when he made his way for the door.

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

Example: He did not want to be always **under the pump**, and often I had for some reason.

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

Example: The wind **whispering** along, **trickling** down to me in **hush** air with **hush**.

A. For each of the following examples, identify whether the sentence demonstrates one or more of these metaphors, personification, or simile. Write the letter(s) next to the appropriate choice.

- | A. simile | B. metaphor | C. personification | D. none of these |
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| 1. _____ | I remember remembering feeling like I could fly. | | |
| 2. _____ | When I'm late, that I've turned down the stairs again and I'm late. | | |
| 3. _____ | You may know someone's having problems making the road trip with their car. | | |
| 4. _____ | And the shadow of the day will embrace the world in gray. | | |
| 5. _____ | Remember it comes to you without warning and promises you're broken. | | |
| 6. _____ | My brother's always one that talks back to me. | | |
| 7. _____ | The stars whisper, I will be there. You see otherwise, I don't see – when I get to there. | | |
| 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 to be lost, and my heart is crying for nothing. | | |
| 11. _____ | Remember (he's) always always – remember (he's) always – but he's not the same. | | |
| 12. _____ | There's a feeling that I've never felt before. | | |