

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 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. (Personifying the sun)

The wind whistled through the trees. (Personifying the wind)

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

Write an "M" next to the sentence if it is a metaphor, a "T" next to the sentence if it is a metonymy, and a "P" next to the sentence if it is 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 red-headed girl with curly hair.
- _____ 7. The teacher was smiling brightly.
- _____ 8. The teacher's eyes were like stars.
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- _____ 19. The teacher was smiling brightly.
- _____ 20. The teacher's eyes were like stars.