

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

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

Example

The wind whistled through the trees.

The sun smiled down on the children.

Read the following sentences. Write on the left side of the page whether each sentence 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 down on the children.
- _____ 5. The teacher's face was like a flower.
- _____ 6. The teacher was a kind and thoughtful person.
- _____ 7. The teacher was like a star.
- _____ 8. The teacher was very kind.
- _____ 9. The teacher was a kind and thoughtful person.
- _____ 10. The teacher was like a star.
- _____ 11. The teacher was very kind.