

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 city.

The teacher's pencil.

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 stars danced in the night sky. (The stars are not people.)

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 eyes were like stars.
- _____ 4. The teacher's face was like a flower.
- _____ 5. The teacher was a kind and thoughtful person.
- _____ 6. The teacher's eyes were like stars.
- _____ 7. The teacher was a kind and thoughtful person.
- _____ 8. The teacher's eyes were like stars.
- _____ 9. The teacher was a kind and thoughtful person.
- _____ 10. The teacher's eyes were like stars.