

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 relationship.

Example:

The king was highly educated.

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 happy 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" for metaphor, a "Me" for metonymy, and a "P" for 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 hair was like a waterfall.
- _____ 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.