

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 scratched the paper.

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

Example:

The sun smiled down on the happy children.

The wind whistled through the trees in the distance.

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 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.