

## 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 white man looks stressed.

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" next to the sentence if it is a metaphor, a "Me" next to the sentence if it is 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 hair was like a waterfall.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The teacher was a little red-headed girl with glasses.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. The teacher was looking at the clock.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. The teacher was very kind.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. The teacher was the person who had the clock.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The teacher was looking at the clock.