

## Personification

Personification is giving human qualities, feelings, action, or characteristics to inanimate (non-living) objects.

For example: The window winked at me. The verb, wink, is a human action. A window is an inanimate object. Therefore, we have a good example of personification.

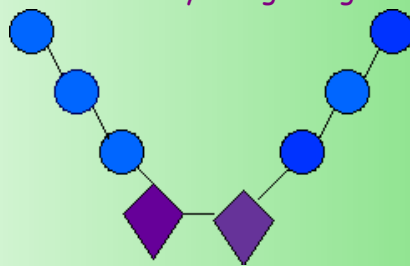
For other examples of personification, click on the wink-



Other examples:

"Wind yells while blowing" is an example of personification because wind cannot yell. Only a living thing can yell.

"Necklace is a friend" is an example of personification because Necklace is a thing, and necklaces cannot be friends. Only living things can have friends.



**In order to personify, you need to chose an object:**

**example: chair**

**Then choose a verb,**

**example: remembers**

**Finally, make a sentence,**

**The chair remembers when it was brand new.**

**You have now personified chair or gave it human qulalities!!!**

**Let's personify the following:**

**Tree:**

**Wind:**

**River:**

**Table:**

**School:**

**Here are some verbs to help:**

**Takes, hopes, remembers, listens to, tells, feels like, brings, dances, looks forward to, reminds, looks for, teaches, shows, helps, wants to, whistles.**

The wintry sun

The sun shivers as it smiles down to the cold scene  
below

Pointing its fingers at Jack Frost's toes  
Making jack run and hide

Yawning and stretching after a good nights sleep  
Ready to begin all the work that needs doing  
His eyes shine with joy as he watch the world  
awaken to his touch



**STARS**

Stars, bring me up with you  
Bring me to the place  
you sleep.  
How do you do it?  
Bring me to your home.  
Bring your thoughts  
to me.  
Share them  
with me.

## book



I sit here  
waiting for you  
collecting dust  
hugging my pages tight  
against the sun  
that forces its way  
into this library  
each day

I can wait forever  
for you to open me  
you will not be disappointed  
you will not be disappointed



Personification in music

**Personification Worksheet**

On your own paper, write the object being personified and the meaning of the personification.

1. The wind sang her mournful song through the falling leaves.

Example: The wind is personified. It means that the wind was blowing.

2. The microwave timer told me it was time to turn my TV dinner.

3. The video camera observed the whole scene.

4. The strawberries seemed to sing, "Eat me first!"

5. The rain kissed my cheeks as it fell.

6. The daffodils nodded their yellow heads at the walkers.

7. The water beckoned invitingly to the hot swimmers.

8. The snow whispered as it fell to the ground during the early morning hours.

9. The china danced on the shelves during the earthquake.

10. The car engine coughed and sputtered when it started during the blizzard.

Some more personification examples:

- "The cloud scattered rain throughout the city."
- "The tropical storm slept for two days."

The nonliving objects in the above sentences (cloud, storm) have been given human qualities (scattered, slept). Adding meaning to nonliving or nonhuman objects in this manner is called personification.

Personify the following sentences. Change the words in parentheses to words that would describe a human's actions:

1. My bedroom door (opened).
2. The puppy (barked) when I left for school.
3. The leaf (fell) from the tree.
4. The flashlight (went on).
5. Hair (is) on my head.
6. The CD player (made a noise).
7. The net (moves) when the basketball goes through.
8. The player piano keys (moved up and down).
9. The space shuttle (took off).
10. The little arrow (moves) across the computer screen.