

Figurative Language - Personification

1. Rosemary says the following is an example of personification. "My cousin Matthew is like a cheetah when he sneaks up on people." What would you tell them?

- That is not personification because the cheetah is not given human action.
- That is not personification because it uses the word "as" to compare unlike things.
- That is not personification because it uses the word "like" to compare unlike things.
- Yes, that is personification because Matthew is being compared to a cheetah.

2. Kara says the following is an example of personification. "The gel was a squishy mud in his fingers." What would you tell them?

- That is not personification because it uses the word "as" to compare unlike things.
- That is not personification because it uses the word "like" to compare unlike things.
- That is not personification because the gel is not embodying human emotion or action.
- Yes, that is personification because the gel is given human action.

3. Read the following sentence, and consider the way personification is used to give human characteristics or action. "The sun set as the house waited for them on the dark and dreary hill." What is being personified in the sentence?

- The dark
- The people
- The house
- The hill

4. Read the following sentence, and consider the way personification is used to give human characteristics or action. "In the dark, cold room, the fire danced and perched upon the candle wick." What is being personified in the sentence?

- The room
- The fire
- The cold
- The candle wick

5. Read the following sentence and consider the way personification is used to give human characteristics or action. "The curtains sympathetically pushed aside its fabric and dramatically revealed the scene of death on stage with awesome grandeur." What is being personified in the sentence?

- Stage
- Scene of death
- Grandeur
- Curtains