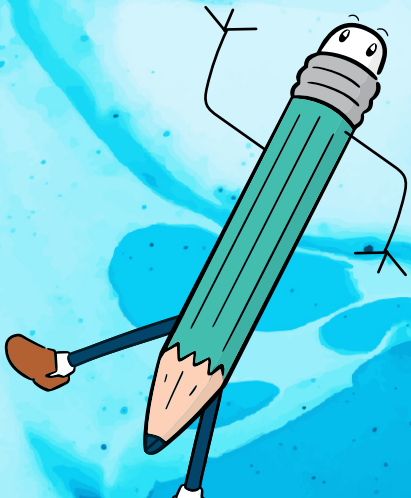
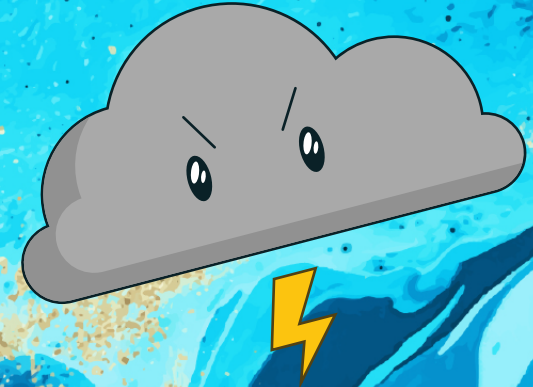




KS2

Figurative language

Personification



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What is personification?

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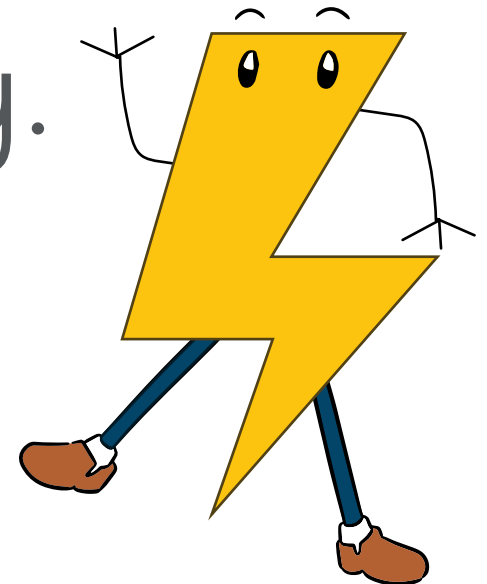
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example

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Find the personification in each sentence.

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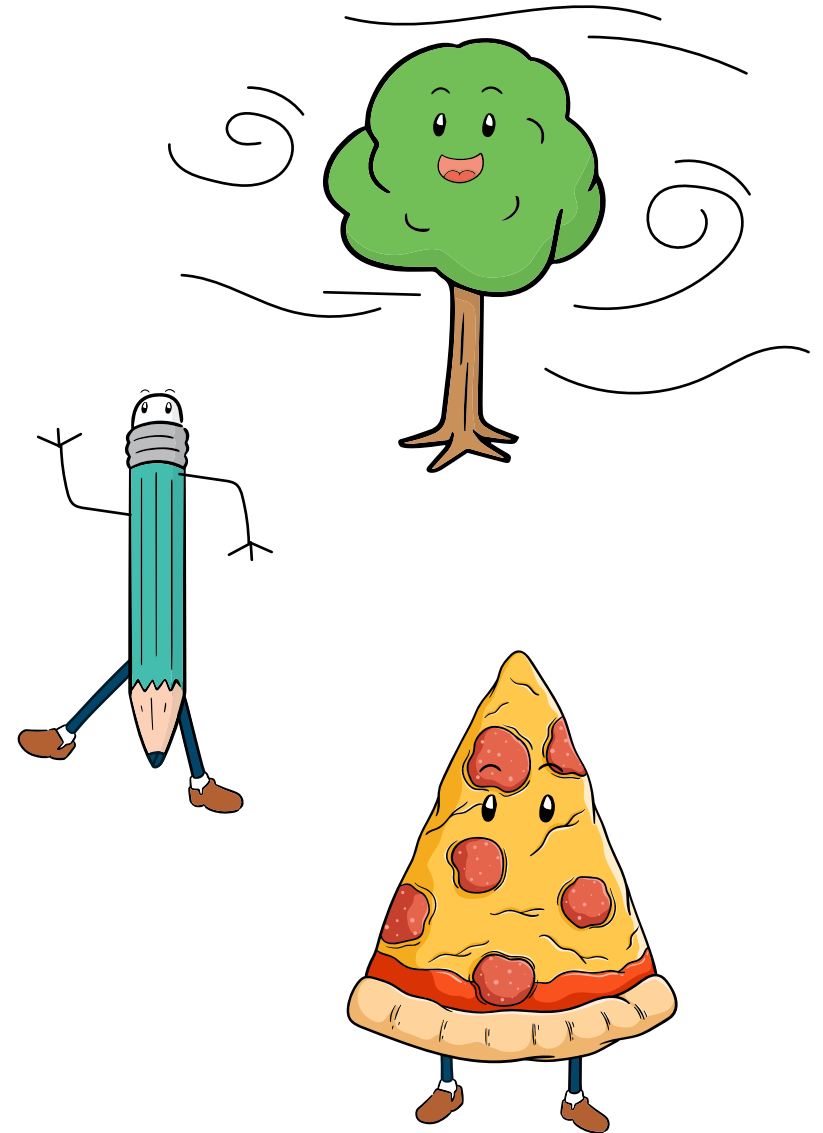
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Pens can't dance; this is something a human does.

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Pizzas can't beg! Begging is a human action.



Examples of personification in poetry

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Can you find any examples of personification in this poem?

Why do you think the poet chose to use this form of figurative language?

What is the impact on the reader?

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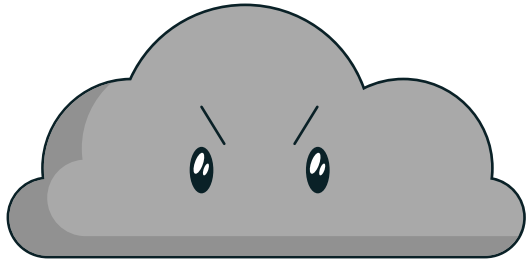
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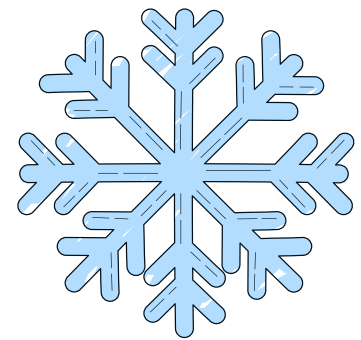
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Your turn!

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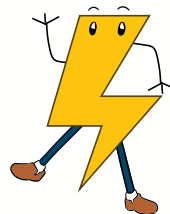
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1. Match the boxes to complete the sentences.

The gentle waves

hit our vulnerable skin.

The twisting vines

screamed a warning to us.

The Sun's fierce beams

stroked the shoreline.

The fire alarm

peeked over the clouds.

The moon

suffocated the crumbling house.

2. In each of these examples, underline the example of personification and explain why you have chosen it.

(Take care as there might be more than one example in each sentence).

b) The wind shrieked menacingly as it raced through the abandoned woods.

c) The fire choked the forest with its colossal flames.

3. Personification is often used in poetry to create an image or picture in the readers' minds. Read this poem by Langston Hughes. Underline all the examples of personification in it.

April Rain Song

Let the rain kiss you

Let the rain beat upon your head with silver liquid drops

Let the rain sing you a lullaby

The rain makes still pools on the sidewalk

The rain makes running pools in the gutter

The rain plays a little sleep song on our roof at night

And I love the rain.