

**Personification is when an author gives human qualities, actions, or feelings to animals, objects, or ideas. This helps make writing more interesting, vivid, and imaginative.**

### Figurative Language vs Literal Language

1. Tick the sentences that contain personification. Cross those that are literal.
2. State what is being personified and what human quality is used.

The old car coughed and spluttered down the road.

The dog barked loudly.

The rain fell heavily.

The flowers stretched toward the sunlight.

The moon smiled down on the town.

The cat chose a sunny spot for a quick nap.

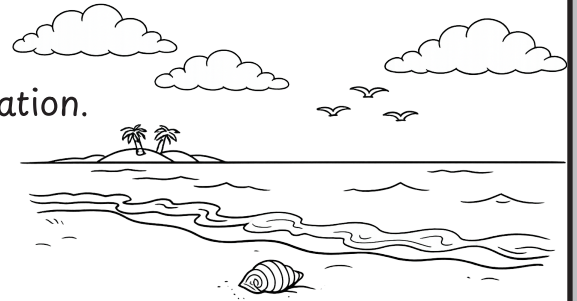
### Personification in Poetry

1. Underline the personification in this poem.
2. Explain why the words are examples of personification.

#### At the Beach

The waves raced quickly to the shore,  
While seagulls circled with noisy cries.  
Bright clouds drifted across the sky,  
And warm sand curled between my toes.

A lonely shell rested near my feet.  
I held it close beside my ear.  
To my surprise,  
The ocean whispered its secret song.



### Writing Sentences

Finish the sentence starters with your own ideas for personification.

The wind \_\_\_\_\_

The stars \_\_\_\_\_

The clock \_\_\_\_\_