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Identifying Personification

Personification is a literary device in which human characteristics are given to non-human things, such as animals, objects, or ideas.

Underline the thing that is being personified. Then write the human characteristic that is being shown in each example of personification.

Example: The moon danced in the velvet sky.

What human characteristic is being shown in this sentence? The moon is dancing.

1. The wind whispered secrets to the trees.

What human characteristic is being shown in this sentence?

2. Below the cliffs, the ocean roared in anger.

What human characteristic is being shown in this sentence?

3. The clouds bowed in reverence as the sun rose.

What human characteristic is being shown in this sentence?

4. It had been one year since my grandmother's death, and the wind seemed to sing a sorrowful song.

What human characteristic is being shown in this sentence?

5. The mountains stood proudly above the village.

What human characteristic is being shown in this sentence?

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6. I could hear the coughing and sputtering of the car engine all the way down the street.

What human characteristic is being shown in this sentence?

7. The flowers seemed to blush in the morning light.

What human characteristic is being shown in this sentence?

8. The rug was deep and soft, welcoming the feet that walked upon it.

What human characteristic is being shown in this sentence?

9. On the shelves sat hundreds of books just waiting to share their stories.

What human characteristic is being shown in this sentence?

10. As the guests filed out one by one, the curtains waved goodbye.

What human characteristic is being shown in this sentence?

Now write three examples of personification and identify the human characteristics being shown.

11. _____

What human characteristic is being shown in this sentence?

12. _____

What human characteristic is being shown in this sentence?

13. _____

What human characteristic is being shown in this sentence?
