Name _____
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Personification

Directions: Read each sentence pair. Circle the letter of the sentence that uses personification.

1. a. Clouds were playing in the sky.
   b. The sky was filled with clouds.

2. a. The water in the ocean was extremely warm.
   b. The warm ocean waters embraced me.

3. a. Fortune smiled on me.
   b. I got very lucky.

4. a. The statues, atop their pedestals, stared down at me.
   b. The statues were placed on pedestals high in the air.

5. a. It rains frequently in April.
   b. April is a weepy month.

6. a. The cattails waved goodbye to departing dragonflies.
   b. The cattails' leaves bounced up and down when the dragonflies flew away.

7. a. The engine clanked as the old truck moved slowly uphill.
   b. The engine made a clanking noise as the old truck fought its way uphill.

8. a. The water from Grandma's rusty faucet spilled out into Jamie's hands.
   b. Grandma's rusty faucet spat water into Jamie's outstretched hands.

9. a. Shiny new shoes peeked out from under his freshly pressed pants.
   b. Shiny new shoes were just visible under his freshly pressed pants.

10. a. The scruffy puppy's eyes begged us to pick him up.
    b. We couldn't resist the terrier's puppy-dog eyes.

11. a. The breeze caused our laundry to move back and forth on the clothesline.
    b. Our laundry jerked back and forth on the clothesline, tickled by a breeze.

12. a. Vines crept slowly up the sides of the birdhouse.
    b. Slow-growing vines soon covered the sides of the birdhouse.

Answer Key:

1. A
2. B
3. A
4. A
5. B
6. A
7. B
8. B
9. A
10. A
11. B
12. A