

Mini Lesson on

Writing with Personification

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Overview

This lesson is intended as a mini lesson that will teach children how to use personification to enhance the details in their writing.

Instructions

Teacher Modeling:

- Define personification: *When objects or animals are given human characteristics.*
- Model how to create a personification by:
 - ◎ Writing an object on the board
 - **Example:** *sun*
 - ◎ Below the object word, write a few human characteristics that could enhance the description of the object.
 - **Example:** hugs, wraps, smiles, winks, hides, etc.
 - ◎ Pick one of the human characteristics you listed and create a sentence that personifies the sun.
 - **Example:** The sun's rays **wrapped** me in a warm embrace.

Teacher Lead Guided Practice:

- Pass out the three graphic worksheets and lead the children through each set of graphics. As the children are looking at each set, encourage them to share human characteristics that would further describe each graphic.
 - ◎ Have the children list the group's ideas on space provided below the graphics.
- Pick one characteristic from each list, and guide the children in writing a sentence that personifies the objects in each graphic.
 - ◎ **Example 1:** The leaves **let go** of the tree and **danced** to the ground.
 - ◎ **Example 2:** The thunder **shook** the house with its mighty roar.

Student Lead Guided Practice:

- Place the children in groups and have them work through the *Personification Identification Worksheet* by identifying the personification and what it is personifying.

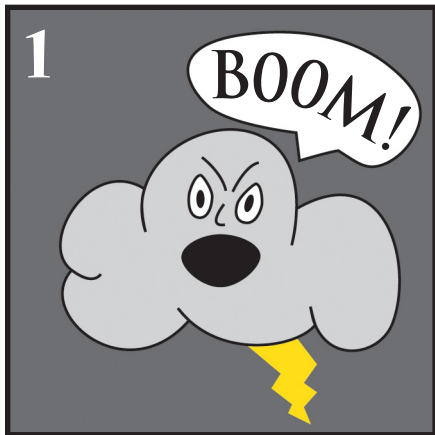
Independent Practice:

- Have the children work independently to complete the *Writing Personifications Worksheet*.

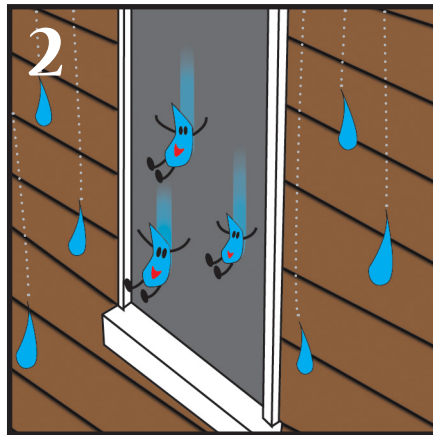
Graphics for Guided Practice

Use these graphics to spur on lists of human characteristics that can be used to describe what an object or animal is doing.

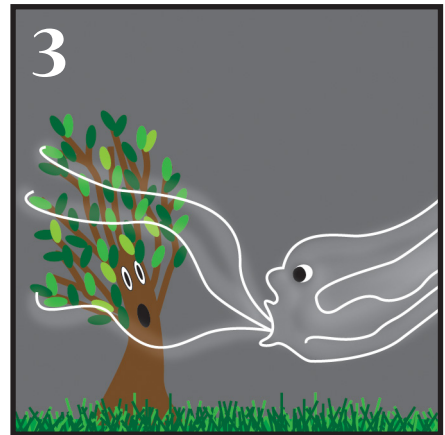
Idea 1: A Storm



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Human Characteristics

GRAPHIC 1			
GRAPHIC 2			
GRAPHIC 3			

Personification Sentence:

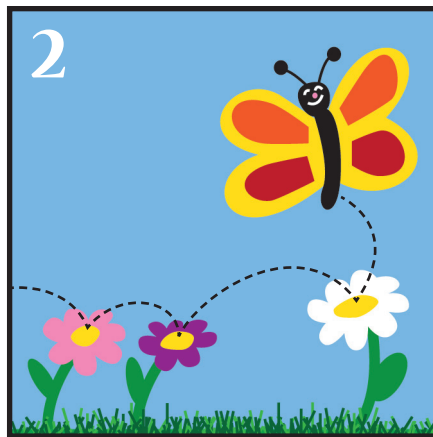
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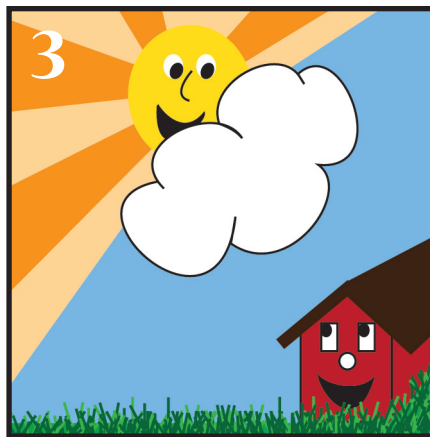
Idea 2: A Spring Day



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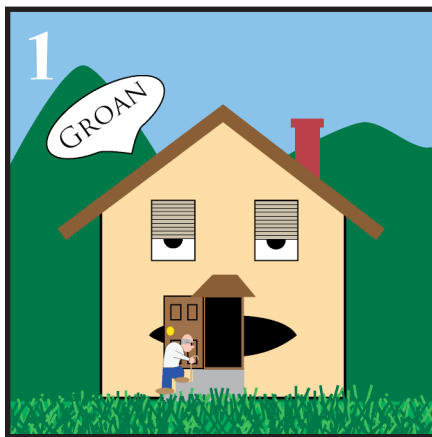
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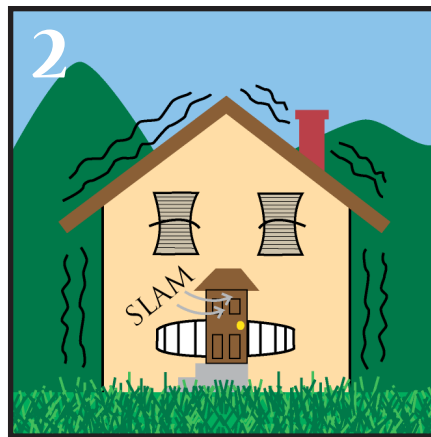
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Idea 3: An Old House



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Human Characteristics

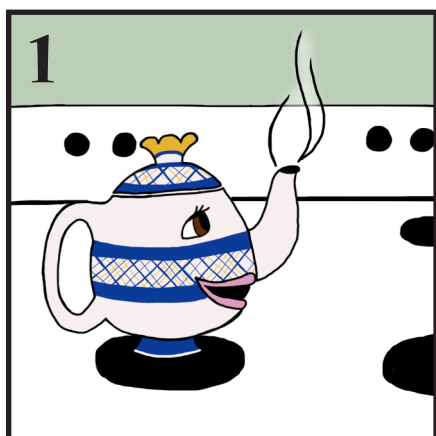
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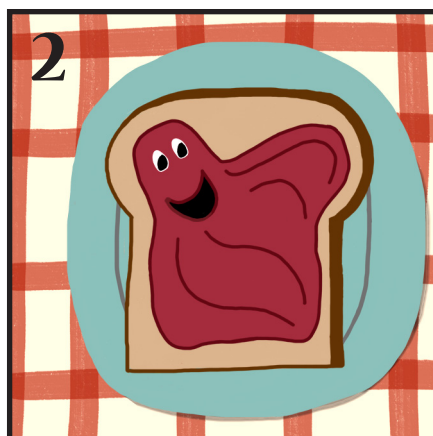
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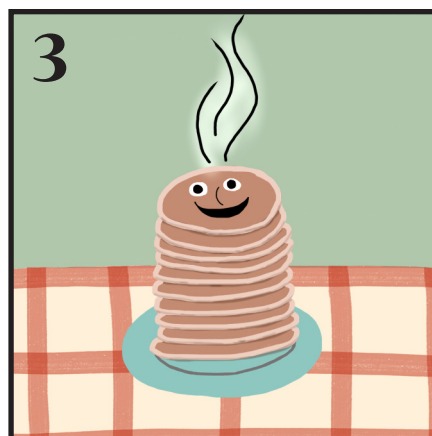
Idea 4: Making Breakfast



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Human Characteristics

GRAPHIC 1			
GRAPHIC 2			
GRAPHIC 3			

Personification Sentence:

Name: _____

Date: _____

Guided Practice



Personification Identification

Directions: Underline the objects being personified and circle what they're doing that makes it an example of personification.

1. The sun winked good night as it disappeared behind the mountain.
2. The big, full moon confidently led me through the forest.
3. The mountain cackled at the rumbles beneath its surface.
4. As the rain raced to the ground, everyone ran for cover.
5. The surfers ran for their boards as the waves crashed on the shore.
6. The old car wheezed and shook as the man cranked the engine.
7. The wind howled a mournful cry as it blew through the old windows.
8. The leaves danced to the ground as the children played around the old tree.
9. As the boy began his math test, his pencil pranced across the page.
10. The tornado devoured everything in its path.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Independent Practice

Writing Personifications

Directions: Look at the objects below, think through what kind of human characteristics you could give each one, and then write a sentence about the object using a personification to liven up the sentence.

1. An old creaky chair

2. A tall leafy tree

3. A strong, loud wind

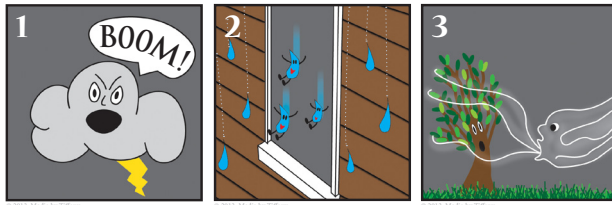
4. A bouncy ball

5. A cold snowball hitting a child

Graphics for Guided Practice

ANSWERS

Idea 1: A Storm



Human Characteristics

GRAPHIC 1	SHOUTED	STRUCK	GLARED
GRAPHIC 2	DANCED	SANG	RACED
GRAPHIC 3	SHOOK	SHRIEKED	WHIPPED

Personification Sentence:

Option 1: The sound of the rain dancing on my window lulled me to sleep.

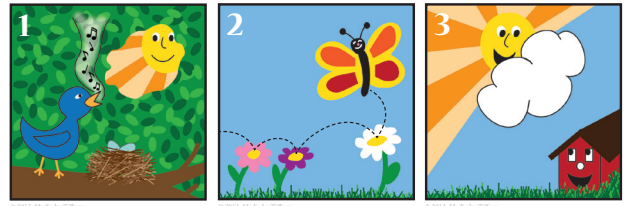
Option 2: The wind whipped through the trees and shrieked past my window.

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ANSWERS

Idea 2: A Spring Day



Human Characteristics

GRAPHIC 1	HUGGED	TICKLED	LISTENED
GRAPHIC 2	SWAYED	WAVED	SMILED
GRAPHIC 3	GREETED	STRETCHED	PLAYED PEEK A BOO

Personification Sentence:

Option 1: The sun warm rays tickled the birds and encouraged them to begin their morning song.

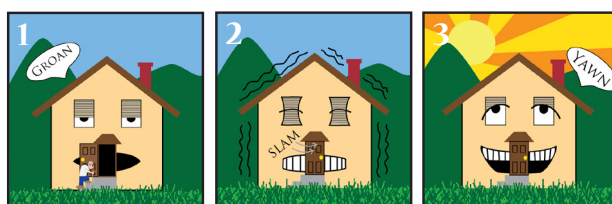
Option 2: The flowers gently swayed as the butterflies flitted by.

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ANSWERS

Idea 3: An Old House



Human Characteristics

GRAPHIC 1	GROANED	MOANED	GRUMBLED
GRAPHIC 2	SHOOK	TREMbled	MOURNED
GRAPHIC 3	SIGHED	MURMURED	RELAXED

Personification Sentence:

Option 1: As the girl climbed the steps to the front door, the house grumbled its greeting.

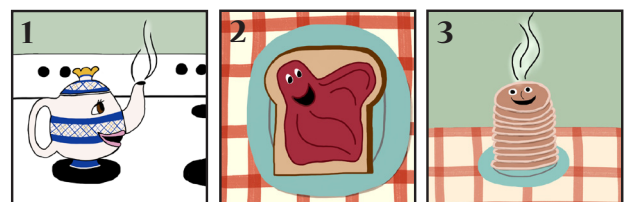
Option 2: As the last light switch was turned off and all the children were asleep, the house breathed a sigh of relief and relaxed its tired joints.

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ANSWERS

Idea 4: Making Breakfast



Human Characteristics

GRAPHIC 1	SANG	CHATTERED	GREETED
GRAPHIC 2	SLITHERED	STRETCHED	SALUTED
GRAPHIC 3	EMBRACED	ENTICED	SHRANK

Personification Sentence:

Option 1: The teapot greeted the morning with her cheerful song.

Option 2: The pancake's sweet aroma enticed the children to sit down at the breakfast table.

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1. An old creaky chair

The old chair moaned its greeting as the man sat down to read his morning paper.

2. A tall leafy tree

As the wind blew by, the tree let go of a couple leaves and watched them dance to the ground.

3. A strong, loud wind

The wind shrieked through the trees, and shook every corner of the house.

4. A bouncy ball

The ball hit the ground and leaped into the air.

5. A cold snowball hitting a child

The cold snowball hit the boy's head and ran its icy fingers down his cheek.

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