

**Personification** is a figure of speech in which a thing, an animal, or an abstract idea is given human nature or character. Personification greatly adds to the literary or artistic effect.

**Example:** The mailbox eagerly awaited the mail carrier's arrival.  
The mailbox is personified, depicted as eagerly awaiting.

# PREVIEW

Identify and explain the personification in each sentence.

1) Jason's shoes squeaked with excitement as he walked toward the playground.

2) The car

3) The mirror reflected back at

4) The peacock

5) The backpack slouched against the wall, tired from the day's journey.

6) The teapot whistled impatiently on the stove.

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