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3) The skyscraper stretched.

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Secrets are shared with friends and not with inanimate objects. In this sentence,

the diary is treated

- 2) The flower vase tottered.

A flower vase does

human trait of tottering.

- 3) The skyscraper stretched to reach the clouds.

The skyscraper is g

, and is said to be

stretching to reach

- 4) The mind is forever restless.

The mind is not an

and portrayed

as one.

- 5) Opportunity knocks at everybody's door, but once.

Opportunity is given the human attribute of knocking at a door, and a

personification is born.

- 6) I heard my tummy grumbling in hunger.

Only humans grumble and not objects. The human trait of grumbling is

attributed to the tummy.

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