

## Personification

Personification is a technique that uses vocabulary to give human characteristics to inanimate objects. For example, in the sentence below, the wind is said to whistle. Wind cannot whistle, nor can it howl, as it does not have a mouth. However, the description evokes images of movement and a clear sound when you read it.

The wind howled and whistled viciously.

Personification is used to make poems more interesting, but also to give poems more visual and known traits. Complete the activities below to find out more!

### Activity 1: Find the personification

In the poem [Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening](#) by Robert Frost, find 10 examples of personification.

### Activity 2: Personification vocabulary

Fill in the table below with four human actions that could go with the objects. Use the example to help. If you run out of ideas, follow the link below for a list of personification examples.

#### [Personification examples](#)

Object	Example	Verb 2	Verb 3	Verb 4
Coffee	slurp			
Bird	chirp			
Turtle	trudge			
Bread	steam			
Car	drive			

## Poetry Unit

### Lesson 2

#### **Activity 3: Writing with personification**

To practise writing with personification, one way is to write with calendar pictures. The images included in calendars are often of scenery and usually evoke clear movement and actions. Using [this picture](#) or a picture in a calendar at home, write personification sentences. Add extra details as well as similes or metaphors.

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