**Figurative language** is language in which figures of speech freely occur.

### Personification

# **Personification** is giving human qualities to animals or objects.







### How and why do you want to use personification?

Personification is useful because it can make your writing more vivid by using human characteristics to describe an object, animal, or even a place.

Non-human entities can become more human-like so that the readers can understand, sympathize, or react emotionally.

Personification can make your writing unique and help your reader create a strong image in their mind.

### Where is personification used

## You will find it in poetry, music and literature.



### The stars danced in the sky.

#### The wind whistled throughout the day.



### The tornado attacked the city and wrecked the farms.

The tree limbs were waving at me.





### Tom's pencil was flying across the page.



#### The red light yelled, "Stop!"





We know that flowers do not have mouths and they cannot ask us for water.

The writer is showing that the flowers are in

need of water. They are starting to dry up

and they really need someone to water them.



#### The leaves <u>danced</u> to the ground.

### The leaves are being personified.



### The leaves fell off the tree and floated to the ground.



### Personification in poems and music.



Mr. Frog pouts with a frown He is so sad he lost his crown He will need to look all around He hopes that it Will soon be found



#### **Personification in a song**

In the song he states "You start to freeze as horror looks you right between the eyes"

> "Thriller" by Michael Jackson



Read each sentence below. If the sentence uses personification, write "personification" If it does not, write "none"

The soft chair wrapped its padded arms around Lisa.

The dog barked loudly at the cat which quickly ran up the tree.

The eyes of the lady's portrait followed Jean around the room, waiting for a misdeed.

The stairs groaned in agony as John carried the heavy boxes to the attic.



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#### Now that you have learned about

personification

You are on your way to becoming a better writer.