

Personification

Personification is when a thing or animal is compared to a human and given human feelings, abilities and qualities.

Example: My dad's car drinks petrol.

A car is not a person and cannot drink. However, because the car uses a lot of petrol it is compared to a person who drinks a lot.

1. Underline the sentences that are examples of personification.
 - a) The dog ran around the garden.
 - b) The dog asked politely for food.
 - c) The chair complained when I sat down.
 - d) The chair creaked when I sat down.
 - e) The kettle boiled angrily.
 - f) The kettle boiled quickly.
2. Explain why the following sentences are examples of personification. The first one has been done for you.
 - a) The clouds gobbled up the sun.
A cloud can't eat.
 - b) The sun shouted, "Hello! Wake up! The day has begun!"

 - c) The cat tiptoed up to the bird.

 - d) The motorbike coughed and spat out smoke.

 - e) The thirsty plant drank the water.

 - f) The gate whined when I opened it.

Alliteration

Alliteration is the repetition of consonant sounds at the beginning of words that are close together to create a specific sound or rhythm. Alliteration can also help create a mood or feeling. Letters like *b* or *c* can make a hard sound. Letters like *m* or *n* can make a soft sound and can help to create a gentle mood.

Example: The book fell with a bang and burst open.

The alliteration of the *b* sound emphasises how loud the noise was.

Example: The moonlight melted into the mist.

The alliteration of the *m* sound creates a soft, gentle mood.

1. Underline the alliteration in the sentences below.

- a) The cold crept closer like a cloud of ice cracking loudly.
- b) The sea slowly sipped at the sand.
- c) The terrifying tiger towered over its prey tormenting it.
- d) The slimy slug slithered slowly along the path.

2. Identify if the alliteration in each sentence above is a hard sound or a soft sound. The first one has been done for you.

- a) hard sound
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____

3. Identify what mood is created in each example of alliteration in Activity 1. Choose the answers from the table below.

a soft sound to emphasise quietness and gentleness
a hard sound to emphasise a feeling of fear
a hard sound to emphasise a movement
a soft sound to emphasise how something looks

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____