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## Personification

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**Identifying Personification:** Read each sentence. Underline the object that is being personified (given human characteristics), then state what the sentence means.

1. Peggy heard the last piece of cheesecake in the refrigerator calling her name.
2. Thunder grumbled and raindrops reported for duty.
3. The sunflowers nodded in the wind.
4. The traffic noises argued long into the night and finally Cal went to sleep.
5. Joey's heart was skipping around in his chest before the Spelling Bee.

**Practicing Personifying Objects:** Personify the following sentences. Rewrite each sentence and change the words in parentheses to words that would describe a human's actions.

1. My bedroom door (opened).
2. The puppy (barked) when I left for school.
3. The net (moves) when the basketball goes through.
4. The space shuttle (took off).
5. The little arrow (moves) across the computer screen.

	Simile? Metaphor? or Personification?	What two things are being compared?	What does this comparison mean?	Sketch Illustrating the Imagery Created:
1. The snow whispered as it fell to the ground during the early morning hours.	S M P			
2. Even a child could carry my dog, Dogface, around for hours. He's such a feather.	S M P			
3. Playing chess with Ashley is like trying to outsmart a computer.	S M P			
4. Sam waited impatiently for his older brother to calm down. "Bill, I think you are acting like a baby," he said.	S M P			
5. The car engine coughed and sputtered when it started during the blizzard.	S M P			
6. His temper was as explosive as a volcano.	S M P			
7. Brian was a wall, hitting every single tennis ball back over the net.	S M P			
8. The china dishes danced on the shelves during the earthquake.	S M P			

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**“Ode to Mi Gato”  
Figurative Language**

**Directions:** Read the poem “Ode to Mi Gato” found on the back of this handout. As you read be looking for examples of figurative language.

- You need to find five examples of similes, metaphors or personification. (At least one of each)
- For each example of figurative language, complete the following:
  1. Write the quote from the poem in the chart.
  2. State whether it is a simile, a metaphor or personification.
  3. Explain what the figurative language means.
  4. Describe how the figurative language creates imagery in a reader’s mind.

Quote from Poem	Simile? Metaphor? Personification?	What does this figurative language mean?	How does this example of figurative language create imagery?
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

## Ode to Mi Gato

by Gary Soto

He's white  
As spilled milk,  
My cat who sleeps  
With his belly  
Turned toward  
The summer sky.  
He loves the sun,  
Its warmth like a hand.  
He loves tuna cans  
And milk cartons  
With their dribble  
of milk. He loves  
Mom when she rattles  
The bag of cat food,  
The brown nuggets  
Raining into his bowl.  
And my cat loves  
Me, because I saved  
Him from a dog,  
Because I dressed him  
In a hat and a cape  
For Halloween,  
Because I dangled  
A sock of chicken skin  
As he stood on his  
Hind legs.  
I love mi gato,  
Porque I found  
Him on the fender  
Of an abandoned car.

He was a kitten,  
With a meow  
Like the rusty latch  
On a gate. I carried  
Him home in the loop  
Of my arms.  
I poured milk  
Into him, let him  
Lick chunks of  
Cheese from my palms,  
And cooked huevo  
Until his purring  
Engine kicked in  
And he cuddled  
Up to my father's slippers.  
That was last year.  
This spring,  
He's excellent at sleeping  
And no good  
At hunting. At night  
All the other cats  
In the neighborhood  
Can see him slink  
Around the corner,  
Or jump from the tree  
Like a splash of  
Milk. We lap up  
His love and  
He laps up his welcome.



