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Personification: Is It or Isn't It

Personification is a figurative element that attributes human thoughts, actions, characteristics or emotions to something that is not human

Example: The sad clouds were ready to spill their tears upon the funeral procession.

Read each sentence below. If the sentence uses personification, write personification” in the blank. If it does not use it, write “none” in the blank.

- 1) The soft chair wrapped its padded arms around Lisa. _____
- 2) The dog barked loudly at the squirrel, which quickly ran up _____
the tree.
- 3) The eyes of the lady's portrait followed Jean around the _____
room, waiting for a misdeed.
- 4) The stairs groaned in agony as Phillip carried the heavy boxes _____
to the attic.
- 5) The wind blew steady for three days before the hurricane _____
reached the shore.
- 6) As we dragged the table across the room, deep scratches _____
appeared on the floor.
- 7) The coins sang happily in Tom's pocket. _____
- 8) The week before the party seemed very long to Ellen. _____
- 9) The ship sailed smoothly across the calm, blue lake. _____
- 10) Wearing a top hat and bow tie, the rabbit bowed politely to _____
the turtle.

Answers key

Actual answers may vary.

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