

## Personification Exercises

Personification is a poetic device in which poets use human qualities to describe an object or an animal.

Here are some examples:

“The sky is low, the clouds **are mean...**” (Emily Dickinson)

“A tree that may in summer **wear**  
A nest of robins in **her hair...**” (Joyce Kilmer)

“The rain **plays** a little sleep-song on our roof at night...” (Langston Hughes)

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### Exercise #1

Write a list of verbs that people do (remember that verbs are action words):

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_

10. \_\_\_\_\_

Now look around the room you're in. Write a list of 10 objects that you see:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

10. \_\_\_\_\_

Now look at your 2 lists. Can you find funny ways to combine the objects with the verbs? For example: "The pencil laughs."

Write some combinations below:

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## Exercise #2

Choose one of the objects that you wrote about in Exercise #1.

Write a poem about it using personification.

It doesn't have to rhyme.

It does have to have at least 4 lines.

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