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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.



