

Personification

Part A

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Underline the examples of personification in the text below. The first one has been done for you.

As I walked into the forest, angry brambles lashed at my bare legs. I wasn't sure which way to go. Tall nettles spitefully reached out for my exposed arms and stung them. I needed to get out of this hostile forest. A breeze blew through the forest and the foxgloves nodded at me as if giving a warning. Ferns danced ominously in the wind. The tall trees all around stood completely still and watched me.

The sun smiled down on the beach and the sand tickled my feet as I walked across it. I felt very content. The warmth of the sun was like a fleecy blanket giving me a cuddle. A crab nodded 'good day' to me from a rock as I passed him. Seaweed danced gleefully in the water. What a beautiful day it was to be at the seaside!

I climbed aboard the fierce rollercoaster. As I sat in the seat, the safety bar grasped me firmly in place. An icy wind howled around us and the rollercoaster seemed to grumble loudly as it pulled away. Time flew by quickly as the rollercoaster charged around the rails and, before we knew it, we were back at the start. We got off the ride and, as we were the last ride of the day, we left the lonely roller coaster sitting sadly in silence.

Now write one or more sentences of your own which uses personification. Use the word bank or your own ideas.

Noun	Adjective	Verb
sandcastle	grumpy	smiled
wind	lively	danced
cloud	cheery	leapt

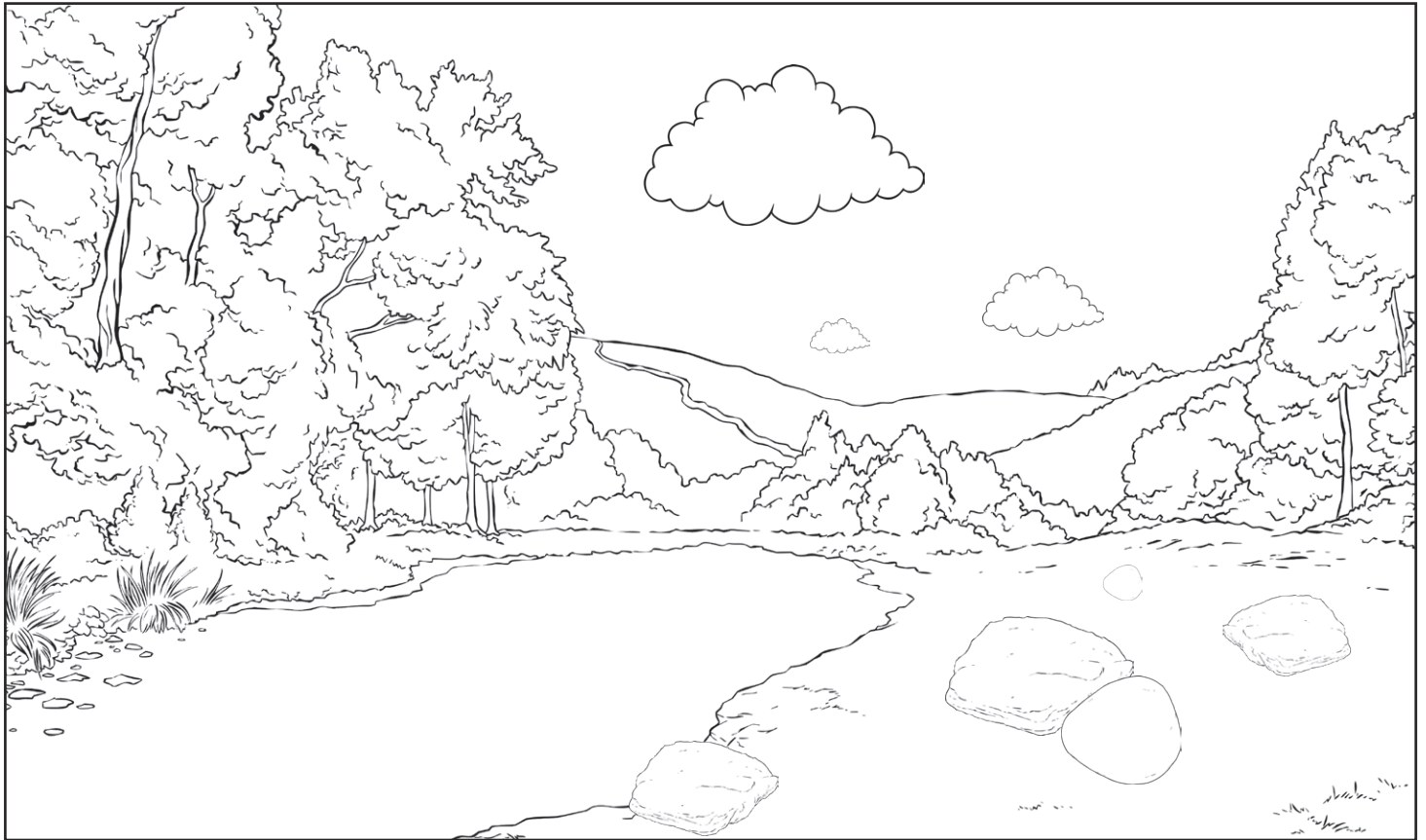
Example: The thirsty plants cried out for water.

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Write about the scene shown below, including lots of examples of personification in your writing. Use the word bank or your own ideas.



Noun	Adjective	Verb
clouds	friendly	dance
stream	careful	waltz
rocks	gentle	sleep
tree	helpful	rest
branches	kind	nod
leaves	sensible	somersault

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Write some sentences set in the Stone Age that use personification.

Personification Answers

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Example answers:

As I walked along the beach, cheery sandcastles smiled at me.

The lively wind rushed through the trees.

It looks like it is going to rain because there are lots of grumpy, dark clouds in the sky.

Part B

Example answer:

It was a beautiful day. Soft, friendly clouds danced through the clear blue sky as the gentle stream waltzed merrily downhill. I walked alongside the water and then sat for a moment on a helpful rock. A sensible tree stood nearby, its branches nodding kindly at me. Delicate leaves were somersaulting to the ground in the lively breeze.

* Challenge Task *

Example answer:

The warm cave invited them in. The friendly fire grinned at them and sent out a comforting warmth. They settled down to rest at last after a long day of hunting. The pictures on the walls told them stories of years gone by.