Answers Understanding Personification

Personification is a figure of speech that gives human qualities to objects, animals, or ideas. Something is **personified** if it has human traits that are not common for the object, animal, or idea.

The dish ran away.

noun: dish verb: ran

Directions: Highlight the personified noun in one color and highlight its respective verb in a different color. Then, complete the chart with the nouns, verbs, and sketch.



The Clouds Teased



The clouds flew like morning dew. Who knew the sky Could be so blue?



Filled with joy And pleasantries, Who knew clouds would cover trees?

The rain scoffed
At our joyful faces,
But we just laughed,
As we wet our laces.



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Noun	Verb	Sketch a Picture	(Answers may vary)
clouds	teased		
clouds	flew		
clouds	cover		
rain	scoffed		

Directions: Answer the questions about the poem "The Clouds Teased."

1. What does it mean when the author says, "The clouds flew like morning dew"?

The author is giving the clouds human traits by saying "the clouds flew." The author compares the clouds to morning dew. Morning dew does not last long into the day, so the author is implying the clouds did not last either. They were in the sky but they flew away. It must have been a bright, sunny morning or day.

2. What is the author trying to show with this sentence: "The rain scoffed / At our joyful faces, / But we just laughed / As we wet our laces."

The author is giving the rain human traits by saying "the rain scoffed." The author implies the rain is trying to make their day turn unhappy because the rain scoffed at their laughter. But the people in the poem just had fun in the rain. They "wet [their] laces" by playing in the rain. They would not let the day turn sour.