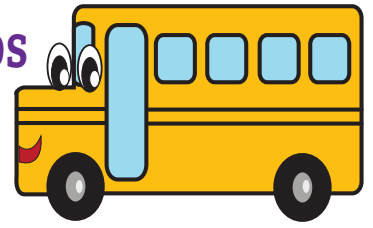# Identifying Personification with Nouns and Verbs

Personification is when you give human qualities or abilities to an object or animal. Authors use different parts of speech, like nouns and verbs, to write about things that are non-human as though they are human.

→ A **noun** is a person, place, thing, or idea. Here are some examples: *face, home, a dress.*

→ A **verb** is an action word. Here are some examples: *laughing, tripped, dive.*

Directions: Using the table below, determine which words in the word bank are *nouns* or *verbs* that can signal personification in a sentence. Then place the *nouns* and *verbs* in the T-chart and cross out any words that would not signal personification in a sentence.

Word Bank

a handshake	branches	crying	surface	hugged	shoes
calling	dreamed	fist	meowing	a smile	

nouns that signal personification	**verbs** that signal personification

Directions: Read the examples of personification below. Circle the nouns and verbs that signal personification in each sentence. Then, tell whether the word you circled is a noun or a verb.

circle one

1. The race car screamed around a corner.   noun   verb

2. The alarm clock yells at Joe every morning.   noun   verb

3. My blanket is a friend who protects me.   noun   verb

4. Winter's icy grip caused us to shiver.   noun   verb

5. Tina's bike complained as she rode over the bumpy road.   noun   verb

6. The vines wove their fingers through the fence.   noun   verb

7. The stars winked at me from above.   noun   verb

8. We will cross near the mouth of the river.   noun   verb

9. The flowers were begging for water.   noun   verb

10. The moon played hide and seek behind the clouds.   noun   verb

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