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## PERSONIFICATION TO ENHANCE WRITING

**Personification** is giving human characteristics to nonhuman things, such as animals, objects, ideas, or concepts. It can be used to emphasize a point or to make writing more interesting, vivid, or relatable.

Consider the following sentence with personification.

The **sleepy** clouds **snuggled up** against the coastline until the sun **awoke** and **shooed** them away.

A cloud cannot be “sleepy” or “snuggle up” against something. The sun cannot “awaken” or “shoo” something away.

The personification helps vividly describe how low-lying, coastal clouds dissipate when the warmth of the sun in the morning causes them to evaporate.



**Rewrite each sentence using personification to more vividly describe what is happening in the sentence.**

Example: It is good for us to have hope in hard times so that we can see toward a better tomorrow.

**Hope leads us through the darkness of hard times and guides us toward a better tomorrow.**

1. The brick building was covered in thick strands of ivy.  
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2. Eliza fell asleep in the hammock as the warm afternoon breeze blew.  
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3. The leaves on the maple trees change to bright colors in autumn.  
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4. The high waves crashing on the shoreline were a sign that people should pack up and go home.  
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5. Derek tried to focus on his geography homework, but he really just wanted to jump in the cool blue water of the pool.  
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6. Elsie shut her eyes, enjoying the soft sounds of the pebbled stream nearby.  
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7. The loud thunder lasted all night long, keeping Levi awake.  
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8. Amber and I want to go stand-up paddle boarding, but the weather is bad.  
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9. My muscles hurt so much after our long hike that it was hard to get up and move.  
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10. In winter, icicles hung from the roof, and patterns of frost formed on Adina’s bedroom window.  
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