



PERSONIFICATION

Personification is a form of figurative language in which you give human qualities to objects or ideas. Here are several examples of personification used in *Trapped in a Hot Air Balloon*.

- Jenny gasped for breath as a whirlwind of confusion, realization, and anguish swirled inside her mind.
- Gravity yanked on Cole, prying his fingers loose from the basket.
- The balloon was on fire. Hungry flames chewed through the nylon so fast that more than a third of the scoop was already gone.
- Suddenly, the twin burners began wheezing. This wheezing quickly turned to rasping and gasping. Then came rattling, popping, and puffing, followed by coughing and panting.

Your Turn!

Personification adds clarity and creativity to your writing. Practice writing similes and metaphors using the prompts below. Make sure to use action verbs that make the object seems as if it were alive.

- The stormy sea _____

(Use personification to show what the stormy sea did to the boat or to the passengers.)

- The alarm clock _____

(Use personification to show what the alarm clock sounds like.)

- The memory of that day _____

(Use personification to show what that memory did to a person. Did it cause joy, happiness, frustration, or anger? How specifically did the memory affect the person?)