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Personification: A Storm Moves In

Directions: Each question gives you its own sentence or sentences about a storm. Read them closely, then answer.

1. Which sentence about the storm uses personification?

A. The wind grabbed the screen door and slammed it shut.

B. We carried the patio chairs into the garage.

C. Within minutes, the street was a river.

D. The clouds were piled up like dirty laundry.

2. Read this sentence: "The wind grabbed the screen door and slammed it shut." What does the personification suggest about the wind?

A. The wind is sudden and strong, almost as if it were angry.

B. The screen door is broken and will not stay open.

C. A person came onto the porch and slammed the door in anger.

D. The wind is so soft that the door barely moves.

3. In this sentence, which words give the thunder a human action? "Far off, the thunder cleared its throat, and the sky grew dark."

A. grew dark

B. Far off

C. cleared its throat

D. the sky

4. Picture this moment: "Far off, the thunder cleared its throat, and the sky grew dark." What does the thunder clearing its throat suggest?

A. The storm is over and moving away.

B. The thunder gives a low first rumble, as if the storm is getting ready to start.

C. Someone nearby has a cold and keeps coughing.

D. The thunder is so loud that it shakes every window.

5. Which two sentences give parts of the storm human actions? Select two.

☐ A. Lightning snapped a picture of the whole street.

☐ B. The gutters overflowed onto the sidewalk.

☐ C. By dinnertime, the parking lot was a lake.

☐ D. Rain drummed its fingers on the roof all afternoon.

☐ E. Hail the size of peas bounced across the lawn.

6. What picture of the rain does this sentence create? "Rain drummed its fingers on the roof all afternoon."

A. The rain fell for a moment and then stopped.

B. The rain made a steady tapping sound that went on for hours.

C. Someone was sitting on the roof, tapping to be let in.

D. The rain fell so quietly that nobody heard it.

7. Think about this sentence: "Lightning snapped a picture of the whole street." What does it suggest about the lightning?

A. A neighbor was taking photos of the storm.

B. It lit up the whole street in one quick, bright flash.

C. It stayed bright for the rest of the night.

D. It broke something on the street with a loud snap.

8. Match each sentence about the storm to the kind of figurative language it uses.

Write the letter of the matching answer on each line.

1. _____ The trees waved hello to the passing cars.
2. _____ Hail rattled on the car roof like popcorn in a pan.
3. _____ The low clouds were a gray blanket over the town.
4. _____ We waited about a thousand years for the power to come back.

A. Simile

B. Metaphor

C. Personification

D. Hyperbole

9. As the storm calms down, a writer wants the rain to seem gentle. Which sentence uses personification to do that?

A. The wind punched at the shutters.

B. The rain whispered against the window.

C. The storm stomped through the neighborhood.

D. The thunder shouted over the rooftops.

10. Read this short description of the end of the storm:

"The rain slowed to a drizzle. Water dripped from the gutters. At last, the sun pushed the clouds aside and peeked down at the soggy yard."

How does the last sentence fit with the rest of the description?

A. It shows that a new storm is about to begin.

B. It shows the storm ending as the sun comes back out.

C. It shows a person moving the clouds with both hands.

D. It shows that the yard has already dried out.