



It's Alive!

Week 6: Tuesday

Reading

Personification is a figure of speech that portrays an animal, object, or idea as if it had human qualities.

Directions: Read each sentence. Underline the personification, and then circle the sentence that best gives the real meaning of this figure of speech. The first one has been done for you.

1. An old jalopy gagged and wheezed as it tried to climb the steep hill.
 - a. The car's driver was choking.
 - b. The car has run over something in the road.
 - c. The car's motor is making a lot of noise.
2. Curiosity ate away at Denise until she finally asked if the winning ticket was hers.
 - a. Denise has a terrible skin disease.
 - b. Denise could not stop thinking about her ticket.
 - c. Denise was being chewed upon by an animal.
3. Fog huddled all along the docks of the bay.
 - a. You could not see the water because of the fog.
 - b. You are at a football game near a lake.
 - c. You are out in the rain without an umbrella.
4. Gusty winds made a leaf pile hop, skip, and jump.
 - a. The leaves were blowing around.
 - b. The leaves were dancing in the street.
 - c. The leaves were being raked.
5. The cave seemed to yawn as explorers went inside.
 - a. The explorers were very tired.
 - b. The explorers were searching for a place to camp.
 - c. The explorers were going through a large opening.
6. Prickly bushes grabbed at me as I walked through the thick weeds.
 - a. There were prickly bushes that had claws.
 - b. There were thorns on the bushes that scratched me.
 - c. There were evil people hiding in the weeds.
7. There is not much traffic in that sleepy, little town.
 - a. The town is quiet.
 - b. The townspeople are good sleepers.
 - c. The town has no roads.

