

READING LITERATURE STANDARD 4

CYCLE: COMMUNITY

WHAT IS THE STANDARD: “Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.”

WHAT IT MEANS: You will need to identify, use, and discuss literary devices such as: **personification**, allusions, analogies, similes, metaphors, irony, idiom, hyperbole, foreshadowing. You will discuss the impact of word choice and literary devices on a text or book.

Personification is a figure of speech in which an author grants life-like qualities to a nonhuman object. “When Ms. Jessi asked about our homework, silence crept into the classroom.” In that sentence, silence, a non-living thing, is said to be doing something life like—creeping.

LEVEL 2: When using personification, the verb is the word that is showing the life-like traits. Write these sentences but replace the verbs to turn these ordinary sentences into examples of personification.

The soccer ball rolled across the floor: The soccer ball danced across the floor.

The cell phone rang:

The car was driven down the road:

LEVEL 3: On page 12 of *The Graveyard Book*, find the example of personification. Identify it and write the sentence down.

LEVEL 4: Write 3 of your own examples of personification about school.