

## ***Personification***



When we give human characteristics to everyday things, ideas, objects and animals this is called personification.

Personification can be a powerful, original and very effective style of writing.

### **The early morning**

The early morning  
exhales a cool breath  
over the lifeless, languid  
trees.

Gradually  
they stretch themselves  
awake  
and rhythmically begin  
exercising their taut, brown  
limbs.

Now try and put these statements into a personified form:

- ◆ I remember when we moved house. How did the house feel about it?
- ◆ Last night there was a terrible storm. Was it upset or enjoying itself?
- ◆ The car, which had not been used for a week, would not start. Why wouldn't it start?
- ◆ The television set was left on in the front room with no one listening. How does it feel about being treated in this way?
- ◆ The old train was late and suddenly it had to race along to catch up. How does it feel being treated this way, particularly at its time of life?
- ◆ The leaf turned from green to brown and was discarded by its tree. How does it feel as it floats to the ground?