

Poetic Devices:

Personification



*The traffic
is crawling*



A poet may add interest or meaning by using *personification*.

Personification means applying human qualities to inanimate objects.

For example, to use personification to describe lightning, you might say '*lightning danced across the sky.*'

We can imagine what a couple dancing around a dance floor looks like and compare this with bolts of lightning in the distant sky.

Personification paints a clearer picture of the type of lightning that is being described.



What do you think these phrases mean?



The camera loves her!



The chef's latest cookbook flew off the shelves.