

## Looking for Alaska

## Similes & Personification

A. Similes: We can use similes to compare two objects in an interesting way. We usually use the words **like** or **as** when we make a simile.

Choose the proper word to complete each simile from the story.

lips      pulsing      stared      tobacco      tsunami

1. The Old Man \_\_\_\_\_ at Alaska like a bull at a matador.
2. Alaska made an O with her \_\_\_\_\_, moving her mouth like a goldfish eating.
3. Y'all smell like a North Carolina \_\_\_\_\_ field in a wildfire.
4. The world was \_\_\_\_\_ as if from a heavy bass beat.
5. A sob came like a \_\_\_\_\_

B. Personification is a literary device where animals or non-living objects are given human-like qualities or characteristics.

Choose the proper word to complete each example of personification.

cold      danced      moist      stream      through

1. The hot, \_\_\_\_\_ air made even the walls sweat.
2. The creek rumbled as it \_\_\_\_\_ its way south.
3. The February \_\_\_\_\_ bit at my face.
4. The smokes danced in the \_\_\_\_\_ for a few minutes.
5. Sunlight slivered \_\_\_\_\_ the blinds and found its way to my face.

C. Can you make your own examples on the lines below?

1. simile: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. personification: \_\_\_\_\_  
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