Simile, Metaphor, and Personification

Use simile, metaphor, and personification in your writing to enhance descriptions of people, places, objects, settings, and moods, etc.

- **Simile** = a comparison using *like* or *as*

  Examples:
  When I lost the race, I drooped like a wilted flower.
  Her voice was deep and soft like water moving through a cavern.
  The cement was as hot as a pancake griddle.

- **Metaphor** = a comparison using word replacement

  Examples:
  Mason’s room was a pigsty.
  Carrie is an open book.
  The new recruit is green.

- **Personification** = an expression giving human characteristics to something not human

  Examples:
  The city suffered under the oppressive heat of July.
  The moon yawned into the black night.
  The smell of fried onions creeps away stealthily on invisible feet to conquer.