### Desert Flower Power

By Alice Knisley Matthias

Xerophytes are plants that are at their best, Growing in regions like the dry Northwest. Desert flowers know how they can survive;



Live in the desert's blazing, hot sunshine. These plants all learned what they needed to know, To live in a place where others can't grow.



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1. What is this poem about?



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- 3. How have Phreatophytes adapted to survive?
  - **a.** Their roots hold extra water underground so the plant can survive.
  - **b.** They do not have roots to take in water.
  - c. Their roots are very shallow to absorb more water.
  - **d.** Their roots go deep into the earth, where there is more water.
- **4.** Create a new, appropriate title for this poem. Do not use the words desert, flower, or power in your new title.

Something extra: With a parent or teacher, use the internet to look up the words Xerophyte and Phreatophyte. On a separate sheet of paper, tell how they are the same and how they are different.

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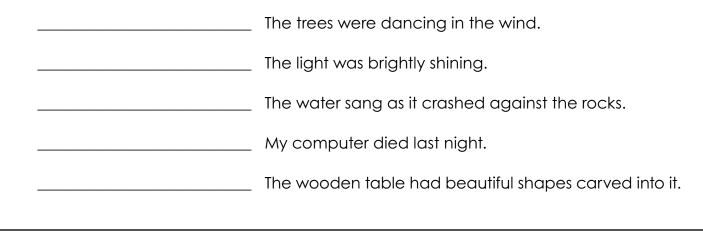
Personification is when a writer makes a plant, animal or object seem like a human.

Here is one example of personification, from line 3 of the "Desert Flower Power" poem:

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**3.** Read each sentence below. Tell which sentences show personification. Write personification or not personification on the lines.



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not personification

The water sang as it crashed against the rocks.

My computer died last night.

The wooden table had beautiful shapes carved into it.