

Defining in Context

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1. Imagine that you are an editor and someone has submitted a short story or poem to your magazine. Based on the article, what are two things you would look for when deciding whether or not to publish it? Support your answer with important details from the article.

(Grade 6, 2006)

2. In “Throwing a Tree,” the poet uses personification, a literary device that uses human qualities to describe an object. Give at least two examples of personification used in the poem. Explain why each is an example of personification. Support your answer with important details from the poem. (Grade 6, 2006)