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Wording of answers will vary; student should explain the personification for each.

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The cheese pizza is personified—it is calling to the person; talking.

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The backpack is personified—it is slumping lazily.

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The leaves are personified—twisting and twirling.

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The raindrops are personified—laughing.

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The truck is personified—it roars and is able to startle.

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The smell (or the cookies) are personified—inviting the person in.

7. Some of my best friends are books that I can read again and again.

Books are personified—they are friends.

8. The clutter in the playroom threatened to swallow us up.

The clutter is personified—it is threatening to swallow up the people.

9. The red flag waved at me, welcoming me to the beach.

The flag is personified—waving and welcoming.
