personify Apresyan (En-Ru)

[pə'spnıfaı] V

1. олицетворять персонифицировать

poets personify the sun and moon - поэты олицетворяютсолнце и луну

2. воплощать, символизировать

in this man the age was personified - этот человек был воплощением своего века

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per-son-ify [personify personifies personified personifying] BrE [pəˈsɒnɪfaɪ] '

NAME [per'sa n fa verb (per soni fies, per soni fying, per soni fied)

1. ~ sth to be an example of a quality or characteristic, or to have a lot of it

Syn: †typify

- These children personify all that is wrong with the education system.
- · He is kindness personified.
- 2. usually passive ~ sth (as sb) to show or think of an object, quality, etc. as a person
- · The river was personified as a goddess.

Verb forms: verb forms

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present simple	
I / you / we /they	personify
	BrE /pe 'sonsfas/
	NAmE /per 'so:nsfas/
he / she /it	personifies
	BrE /pe 'sonsfasz/
	NAmE /per 'sa:nifaiz/
past simple, past participle	personified
	BrE /pe'sontfatd/
	NAmE /per 'sa:nsfasd/
-ing form	personifying
	BrE /pe 'sonsfassn/
	NAmE /per 'so:nifaiin/

Word Origin:

early 18th cent.: from French personnifier, from personne 'person'.

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per son ify /pə'spnəfai, pə'spnifai \$ pər'sa - BrE AmE * verb (past tense and past

participle personified, present participle personifying, third person singular personifies) [transitive]

[Word Family: noun: †person, †personality, †persona, †personage, the personals, †personification, †personnel; adjective: †personal ≠ † mpersonal, †personalized, †personable; verb †personalize, †personaliy; adverb †personally ≠ † mpersonally]

- 1. to have a lot of a particular quality or be a typical example of something:
 - Carter personifies the values of self-reliance and hard work.

kindness/generosity etc personified

- Bertha was kindness personified.
- 2. to think of or represent a quality or thing as a person

personify something as somebody

Time is often personified as an old man.

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