Simile, Metaphor and Personification Review

**Simile** is a comparison using like or as. It usually compares two unlike objects.  
**Example:** His feet are as big as boats. Feet and boats are being compared.

**Metaphor** states that one thing is something else. It is a comparison, but does NOT use like or as to make the comparison. **Example:** Her hair is silk. Hair and silk are being compared.

**Personification** is giving human qualities, feelings, actions, or characteristics to inanimate (not living) objects. **Example:** The house stared at me with looming eyes. The verb, stared, is a human action. A house is a non-living object. Therefore, we have a good example of personification.

**Directions:** Underline the example of figurative language in each sentence. Then identify it as either a simile (S), a metaphor (M), an example of personification (P). If it is a metaphor or a simile, write the two things being compared.

1. A milkweed pod was bulging like a coin purse on the ground of damp woods. __________  
   ________________ is being compared to ________________
2. The trees watched sympathetically over the lost child. __________  
   ________________ is being compared to ________________
3. Just like a troop of ants, everyone on the football team enthusiastically helped set up the new goal posts. __________ , ________________ is being compared to ________________
4. The tulips and daffodils danced in the breeze. __________  
   ________________ is being compared to ________________
5. John’s room was a garden choked with weeds. __________  
   ________________ is being compared to ________________

Create your own (Make sure there is a clear comparison. Adding detail after the example can help prove the comparison. Example: He is a pig, because he never cleans his room!)

Simile:____________________________________________________________________________________________________

Metaphor:_________________________________________________________________________________________________

Personification:___________________________________________________________