

Poetry

Genre

Poems can describe something and help you form a picture of it in your mind.

Literary Elements

Personification is a way of speaking about a thing as if it were human and could do things that humans do.

Imagery is a poet's use of words to create a picture in the reader's mind.

Night Comes...

by Beatrice Schenk de Regniers

Night comes
leaking
out of the sky.

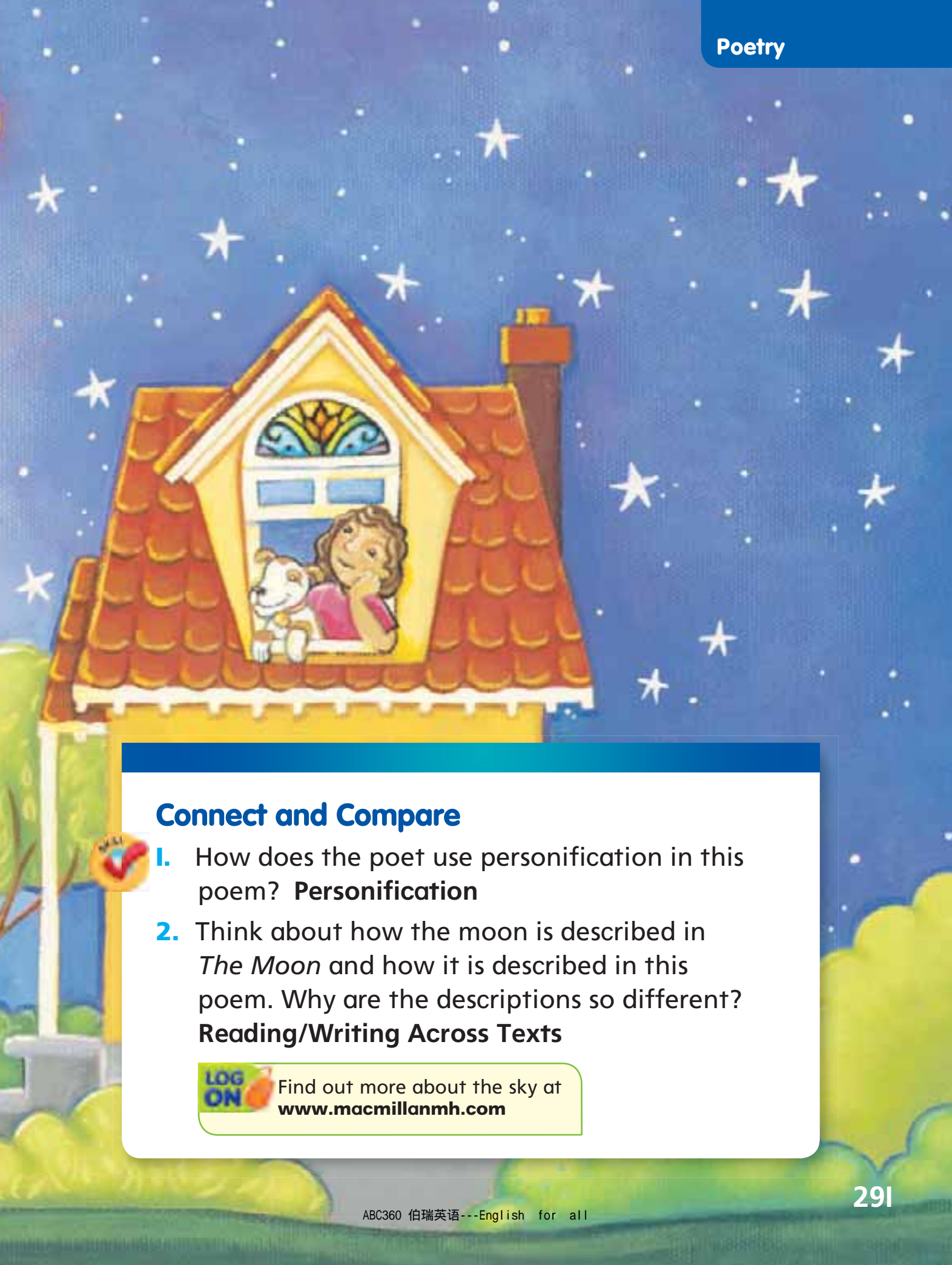
Stars come
peeking.

Moon comes
sneaking,
silvery-sly.

Who is
shaking,
shivery-
quaking?

Who is afraid
of the night?

Not I.



Connect and Compare

1. How does the poet use personification in this poem? **Personification**
2. Think about how the moon is described in *The Moon* and how it is described in this poem. Why are the descriptions so different?

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Writer's Craft

A Good Paragraph

Good writers include a topic sentence and supporting details in each **paragraph**. These help readers form a picture in their minds.

A reader can form a picture of my moon home because I used strong details to describe it.

I used the contraction doesn't correctly in my writing.

Write a Description

★ My Moon Home

by Trevor S.



My new home on the moon is very different from my home on Earth. On Earth, our house had lots of big rooms. Here, my parents and I share a small pod. Ten round pods make up each living complex. The complex is filled with other families. Our pod doesn't have a kitchen. We don't need one because we just heat up plastic packets of food. Astronauts deliver our food in big shipments every six months.



Your Turn

Write a paragraph that describes an imaginary place. Pay attention to details about what you see, hear, smell, and feel in the place. Use contractions to make your writing sound like the way you speak. Then use the Writer's Checklist to check your writing.



Writer's Checklist

- Organization:** Did I write a **good paragraph** with a topic sentence and supporting details?
- Voice:** Does my writing sound like the way I speak?
- Conventions:** Did I use contractions correctly? Did I put the apostrophes where they belong?
- Sentence Fluency:** Did I vary my sentences? Do they flow when I read them aloud?