**Week 3 Worksheet – Writing Bootcamp**

**Instructions:** This worksheet presents activities on sentences, as well as creative activities on framing narratives and storytelling. I invite you to work on these activities as is helpful for your writing goals.

**Active / Passive Voice**

Re-write the following passive sentences in the active voice:

The drawing is being reviewed by Bill.

The building was struck by lightning.

The switchgear was installed by a contractor.

A motor drive was purchased and installed by Roger.

The bid was won by a company that used bidding software.

A successful project was expected by all the staff.

**Pace**

Write a paragraph in which you vary the length of your sentences, with at least one long sentence, one very short sentence, and one sentence that is exactly 10 words:

**Run-on and Complex Sentences**

Correct and simplify these sentences:

In Canada, a few large companies control the newspaper business, and this presents a major problem for small towns, and quite often the same stories get circulated in small town newspapers, and what happens is that these newspapers do less reporting on regional issues, becoming the mouthpiece of large corporate interests, but I personally would like to see more newspapers run by communitiesso the communities could see their own interests represented and would read news important to themselves.

Kennedy said everything would be fine, then he put on his coat and his hat, picked up his briefcase, the one with the gold trim on the handle, the glittering gold of the Peruvian plantation, but then Kennedy knew it wasn’t going to be fine, so he took off his coat and hat and sat back down, and thought about what sort of tea he would like that afternoon.

According to the recent study, the chimpanzees could be expected to continue acting in such a way, even if they were no longer exposed to the toxins, and the long-term effects would most likely look exactly the same as the short-term effects, and the chimps would unfortunately never get better.

When you incorporate the power of cloud technology into your workplace, all existing standards of productivity need to be updated, and all the employees need to know that some protocols have changed with respect to protection of sensitive data, and that their monthly and yearly reports will now need to reflect their output according to these new metrics.

**Cliché**

A list of some popular clichés:

Light as a feather

Smooth as a baby’s bottom

Sly as a fox

It was a dark and stormy night

Dark as night

Beautiful like a rose

Bright as the sun

Dumb as a post

Not the sharpest knife in the drawer

Harder to find than a needle in a haystack

Straight as an arrow

Fit as a fiddle

Can you think of any others to add to the ever growing list?

**Framing Narratives**

Craft a short narrative that uses a frame. Think about opening your text with some vignette or tidbit that allows you to step into your topic. Then close the text by alluding back to your opening frame.

**Storytelling**

Write a very short story (no more than 250 words). If you are not sure what to write about, here are a few suggestions: 1) a leprechaun with a toothache, 2) a kid with a superpower for one day, 3) lost in an unfamiliar city, 4) a walk in the park over lunch.