

## **IMAGERY EXAMPLES TO TWEAK**

### **Small Group Practice Activity #2**

Take these simple, boring sentences and in a small group JAZZ them up by adding details, using senses, using interesting words, and creating unique similes instead of over-used clichés.

You will NOT get through all of these. Be prepared to share them w/ the class. WOW us!

SAMPLE BORING SENTENCE: The dog was scared of the fox.

**Your examples will be LONGER.**

CHANGED TO:

The curious dog was walking alone, listening for any little crunch from the leaves and twigs. It peered into the landscape waiting for its glowing eyes to peer through the trees. With a crack the brown spotted hound turns and perks at the sound. Ascending from the darkness in the moonlight, a red glow of colored fur emerges and the now apprehensive dog cowers his head in fright.

OR

When the giant dog was wandering around in the woods he heard a crunch, crunch, crunch from behind the bushes. Then out from behind the greenery came a snarling fierce fox. Just then the hairs on the dog stood up in terror as it bolted away.

OR

The brown and white black hound dog's ears were flopping about as he scurried away from the crazed blob of red orange fur with a tail like it had been dipped in paint.

BAD example: I was like a deer in headlights (OH NO a cliché!  
AVOID / CHANGE)

Changed to BETTER Example:

My trembling hands couldn't heave my pencil into my delicate pink hand. My quivering lips could not create sound. I could only move my frightened eyes around the classroom. The faces of my peers ranged from expectance to superiority to pity. Some of the merciful ones began mouthing the answer to me, but my distant mind was unable to make sense of the useless motions.

**SAMPLE BORING SENTENCE AND CLICHÉ:** The moon as bright as if it were the sun.

**CHANGED TO:** The moon was bright like God's flashlight shining so bright as it gazed down on the still glass like lake.

**Now it's YOUR Turn. Transform these boring sentences into DEVELOPED imagery filled PARAGRAPHS. Again yours will be longer than the samples above!**

- I nervously walk into the room.
- I froze like a deer in the headlights. (oops a cliché)
- I walked into the dance. I was very nervous. I almost couldn't catch my breath.
  - I reached on the book shelf for a book.

THE TRANSFORMED EXAMPLES ABOVE WERE WRITTEN BY

SHS STUDENTS! 😊