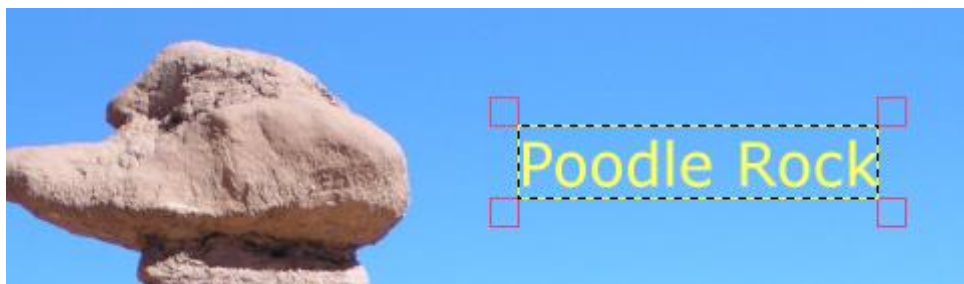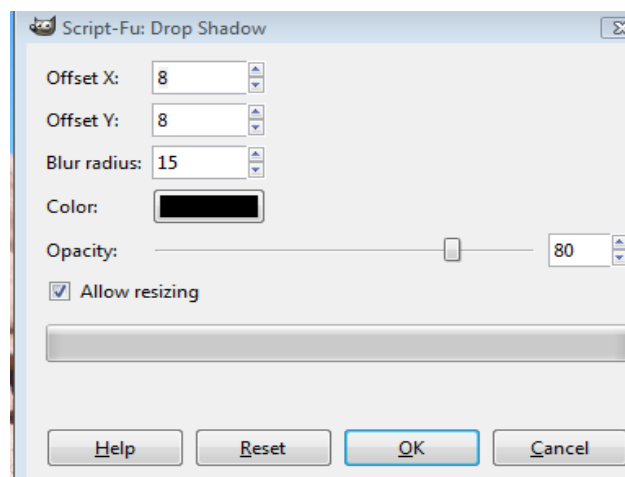# GIMP Lab 2.0 – Introduction to the Layers

Rectangular the Text Tool

- Go to the start menu or desktop and launch **GIMP**
- Download the file called **poodlerock.jpg** from Moodle and open it in GIMP
    - To open the file in Gimp – First navigate to the download location.
    - Right click the file and select the "Open With…" option - select GIMP
- Use the text tool to add a text layer to the image as shown below
    - *Font, Size, Colour* and *Justify* all change the appearance of the text in a specified way. Ensure the text is highlighted (click and drag over the letters) prior to making these changes.
    - Try changing the values to get text as shown.
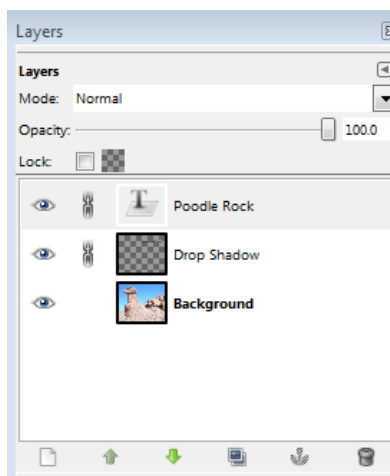

Adding Text Effects

- In this step you will add a drop shadow to the text. Make sure the text layer is highlighted in the Layers dialog.
- Go to the application menu bar and choose: *Filters-> Light and Shadow -> Drop shadow* - This brings up the Drop Shadow dialog – *NB: For GIMP Version 2.10 use Drop Shadow (Legacy)*
- Leave the default values as they are and press OK.

- The effect should be similar to the following image – Experiment with some of the settings!
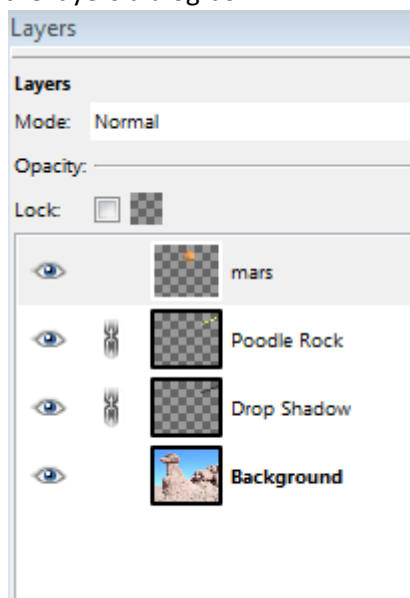
- Link the drop shadow and the text layer together by clicking on the layers dialog where the chain link is shown below.

- Use the rotate tool to rotate the text. Both the text and the drop shadow should be rotated as shown.

- Open the image **mars.jpg** - Select an **ellipse** of mars from the file using the **ellipse tool**.
- Copy the selection Edit -> Copy or press **CTRL+C**
- Paste the mars image using **CTRL+V** into the poodle rock image and use **CTRL+Shift+N** to convert it to a new layer.
- Rename the layer to "mars" in the layers dialog box.

- Position the new image in the sky over Poodle Rock
- Save the file as **PoodleRockMars.xcf**
- Upload to Moodle.