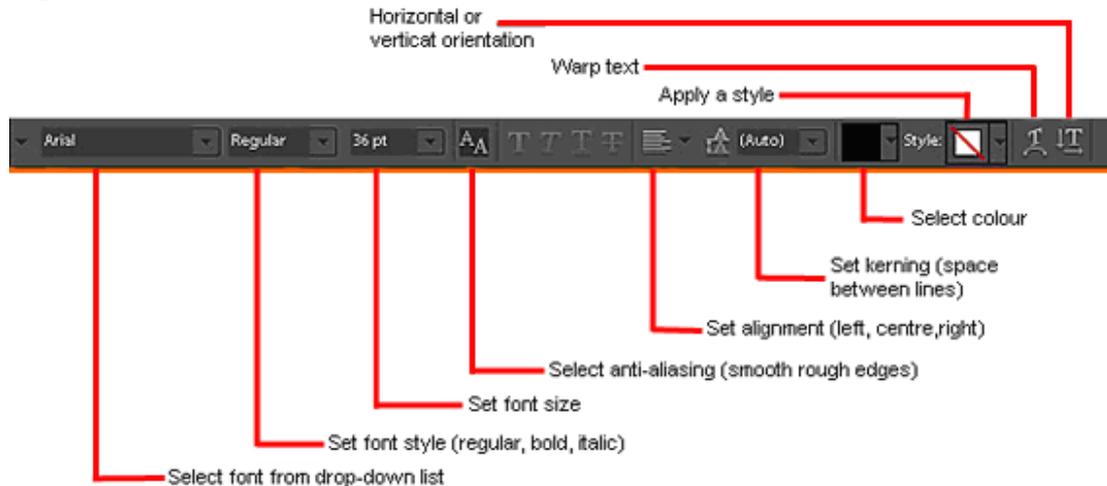


Photoshop Elements: Add Text to a Photo

Text Basics

When you add text to a photo, Photoshop Elements creates a new **Type layer** to hold the text. Type layers are a special type of layer, a vector-based layer. On a vector layer, text can be resized and reshaped easily without losing any sharpness or detail.

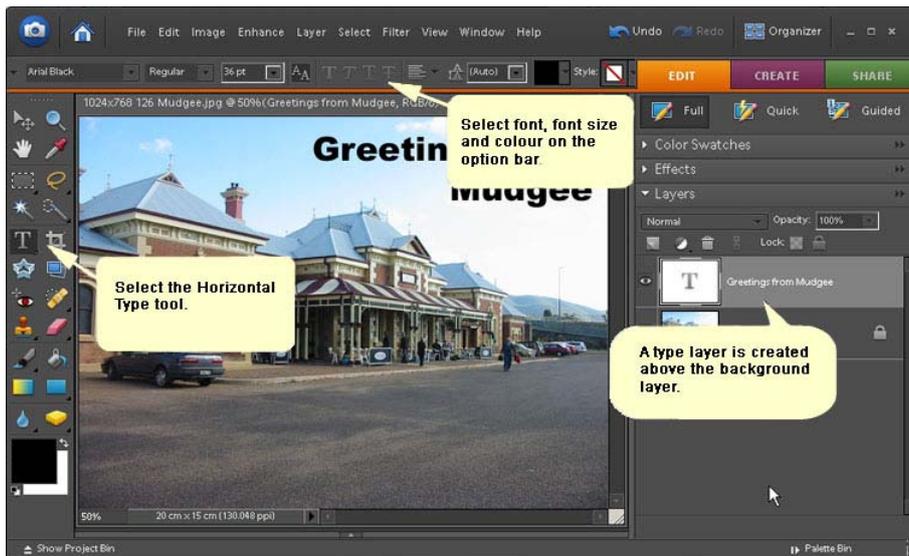
The options bar for the **Horizontal Type tool** contains many settings that you can select to define and style your text. In this lesson, we will use only a few of the options. The following image shows the settings on the options bar:



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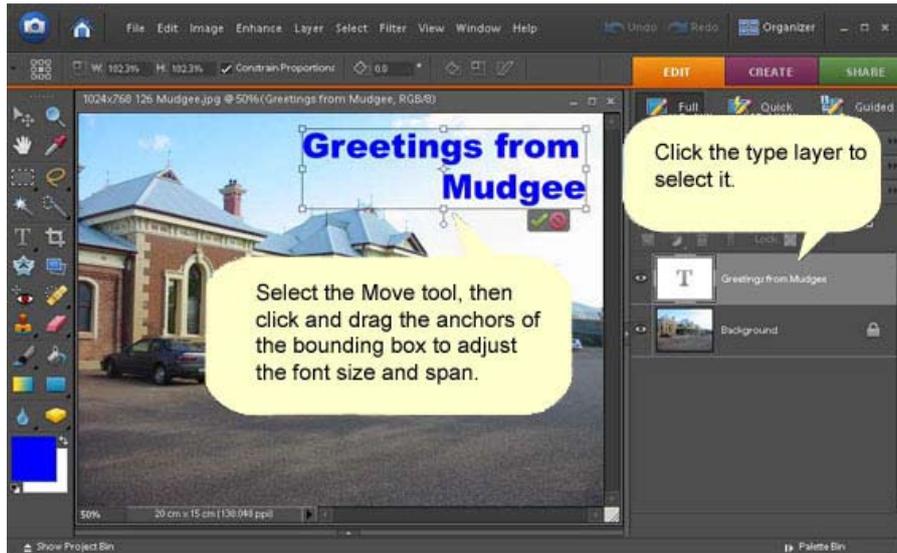
To add a title and a textbox to a photo:

1. Open the photo you want to use.
2. Add the title:
 - a. From the toolbox, select the **Horizontal Type tool**.
 - b. On the options bar, select the **font**, **font size**, and **colour**. For titles, select a dramatic font like Impact or Trajan.
 - c. On the options bar, make sure that the **Anti-aliased** option is selected to avoid jagged edges.
 - d. Click in the photo and type your title. Don't be concerned with the size and spacing; we'll fix that in the next step.



3. Adjust the title size and spacing:
 - a. In the **Layers palette**, click the layer name to select the **Type layer**.
 - b. From the toolbox, select the **Move tool**. A bounding box appears around the text.
 - c. Click and drag the anchors on the bounding box to adjust the type size, width and height.

- d. Click **Commit** (green checkmark) to finish.



4. Add a small text box:
 - a. From the toolbox, select the **Horizontal Type tool**.
 - b. On the options bar, select the **font**, **font size**, and **colour**. For text, select a font that is easy to read, like Times New Roman or Arial.
 - c. On the options bar, make sure that the **Anti-aliased** option is selected to avoid jagged edges.
 - d. Click and drag in the photo to create a box to hold your text.
 - e. Click in the text box and type your text. The text will conform to the boundaries of the box, wrapping to the next line as needed.
5. Edit your text:
 - a. In the **Layers palette**, double-click on the layer thumbnail in a Type layer to select the text and the Horizontal Type tool.
 - b. Click anywhere in the text to add or delete text.
 - c. Make sure that the entire text string is selected if you want to change the characteristics of all characters. Alternately, you can select a single character to change only that character.
 - d. With the desired text selected, change the options on the options bar. For example, you can change font, font size, font colour, and alignment. **Note:** While the text is selected, you will not see colour changes.
 - e. Click anywhere outside the text selection to view the results.

