

Text Tool In Photoshop Elements 2020

Found in the tool panel – Keyboard shortcut is the letter T

Has 7 type tools found in the options panel

- Horizontal Type Tool
- Vertical Type Tool
- Horizontal Type Mask Tool
- Vertical Type Mask Tool
- Text On Selection Tool
- Text On Shape Tool
- Text On Custom Path Tool

Type tool options

- Fonts and typefaces.
- Leading (space between the lines of type).
- Size (Point size of the type).
- Tracking (Space between the letters, also referred to as kerning).
- Color (Pick a swatch or click the small icon in the bottom right to open the color picker).
- Faux typefaces (Bold, Italic, Underline and Strike Through).
- Alignment – Left, Center, Right.
- Switch between vertical and horizontal.
- Type warp.
- Anti-Aliasing (Recommended to keep this checked).

Horizontal and Vertical Type tools

- Select the tool, click in the canvas to begin typing.
- Click the green arrow to commit the edits.
- The move tool is automatically selected, move the type to the desired position.

OR

- Select the tool, click and drag a text box.
- Begin typing inside the text box. The type will be contained in the box.
- To enlarge the type, click on one of the small squares (handles) in the corners and drag.
- To distort the type hold down Command/Control, click and drag one of the handles in the corners.
- To further distort the type, hold down Command/Control and Option/Alt and drag the handles.
- Click the green check mark to accept the changes, or cancel to revert to your normal text.

Type on a selection

- Click on the selection, then the check mark to turn the selection into a shape.
- Move the type tool over the outline of the shape.
- When the curser turns into an I-bar with the curved line below it, start typing.
- Move the type on the selection by choosing the shape selection tool (shortcut key U) and dragging your type in the direction you want it to move.
- Move the “x” at the beginning of your type, or the “o” at the end of your type to move it into position.
- Move the type from the outside to the inside of the selection by dragging it inside or outside of the shape.
- Click the green check mark to accept the edits, or the cancel to cancel the edit.

Type on a shape

- Choose your shape from those provided in the options bar.
- Move the type tool over the outline of the shape.
- When the curser turns into an I-bar with the curved line below it, start typing.
- Move the type on the selection by choosing the shape selection tool (shortcut key U) and dragging your type in the direction you want it to move.
- Move the “x” at the beginning of your type, or the “o” at the end of your type to move it into position.
- Move the type from the outside to the inside of the selection by dragging it inside or outside of the shape.

- Click the green check mark to accept the edits, or the cancel to cancel the edit.

Type on a path

- Select the type on a path tool.
- Draw a path you want your type to follow.
- Move the type tool over the outline of the shape.
- When the cursor turns into an I-bar with the curved line below it, start typing.
- Move the type on the selection by choosing the shape selection tool (shortcut key U) and dragging your type in the direction you want it to move.
- Move the “x” at the beginning of your type, or the “o” at the end of your type to move it into position.
- Move the type from the outside to the inside of the selection by dragging it inside or outside of the shape.
- Click the green check mark to accept the edits, or the cancel to cancel the edit.

Type mask tools – Makes a selection of your type (I don't recommend using these)

- If the type goes out of the canvas, you can't move it back in.
- Cannot edit the type, you must start over.
- Doesn't put the type on it's own layer.

To turn your type into a selection

- Select any type tool other than the type mask tools.
- Type your message in the canvas.
- Command/Control click on the type layer. The type will become a selection.
- The type will still be editable, movable, and will be on it's own layer.

How to put a photo in your type without using the type mask tools

- Choose your font.
- Type your message. This will be created on it's own type layer.
- Bring in a photo and place it on a layer above the type.
- Clip the photo layer to the type layer.

- Select the photo layer and move it to your liking within the text.
- To move both the text with the picture, select both layers and move them together.
- Type is still editable.