

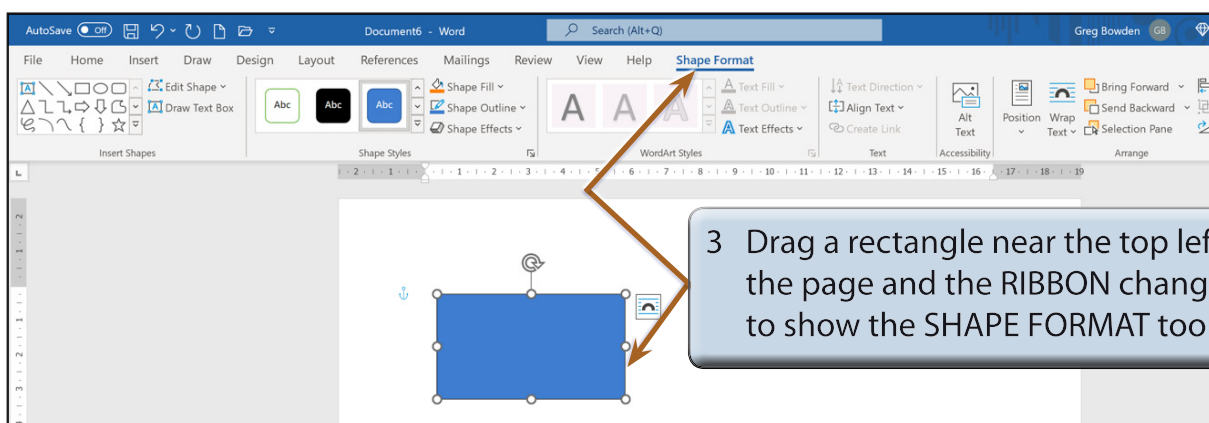
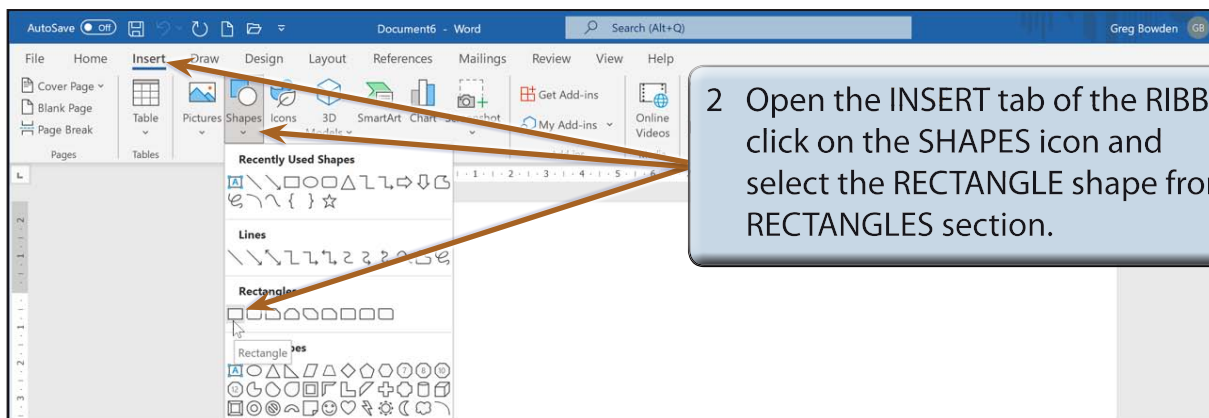
# Drawing Tools

Microsoft Word provides extensive DRAWING TOOLS that allow you to enhance the appearance of your documents. You can use these tools to assist in the creation of detailed publications, newsletters, company logos, etc.

## Drawing a Rectangle

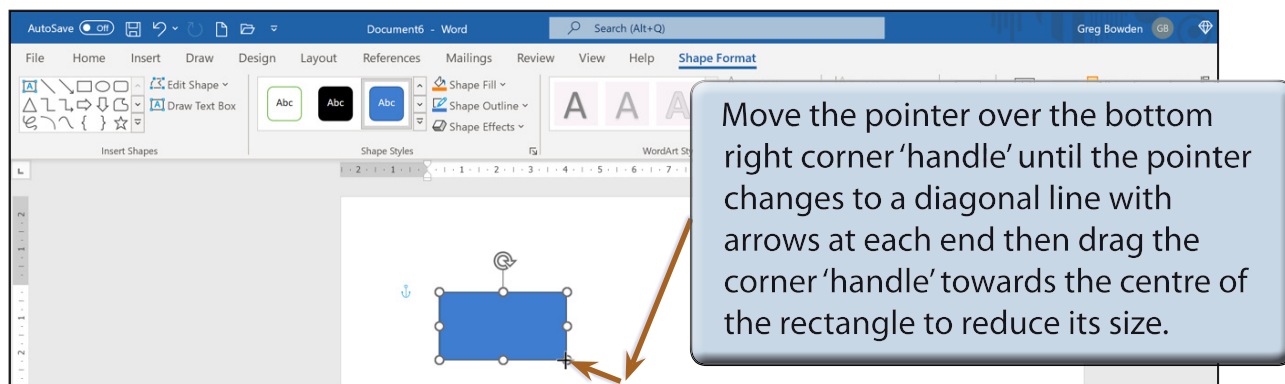
The DRAWING TOOLS are contained in the ILLUSTRATIONS group of the INSERT tab of the RIBBON. Let's start by drawing a rectangle.

- 1 Load Microsoft Word or close the current file and start a NEW BLANK DOCUMENT.



## Resizing Shapes

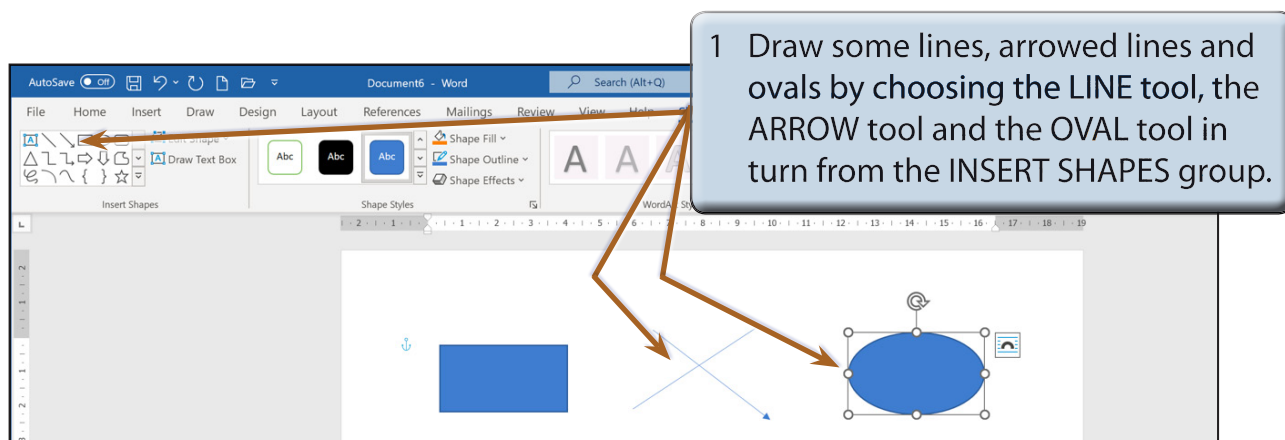
Notice that the rectangle has 'handles' (small shapes) around it. These allow the rectangle to be resized. The 'handles' at the corners allow for diagonal resizing. The 'handles' at the centre of the lines allow for either vertical or horizontal resizing. The circular 'handle' allows you to rotate the shape.

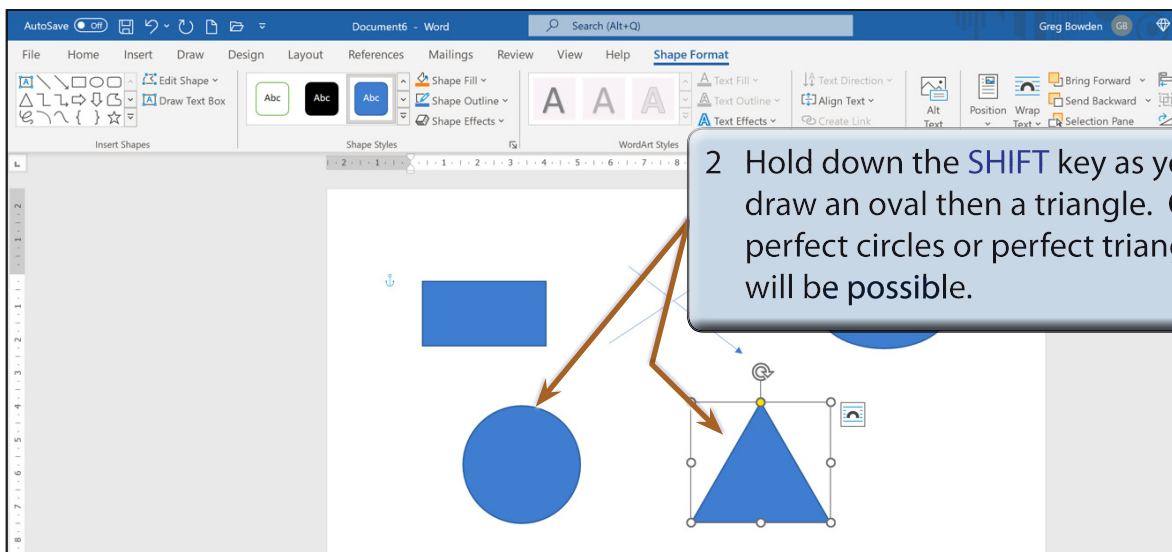


**NOTE:** The icon to the left of the object allows you to control how text interacts with the object. This will be covered in Chapter 11.

## Drawing Other Shapes

You can select other shapes from the INSERT SHAPES group of the SHAPE FORMAT tab of the RIBBON or return to the INSERT tab of the RIBBON and use the SHAPES icon.





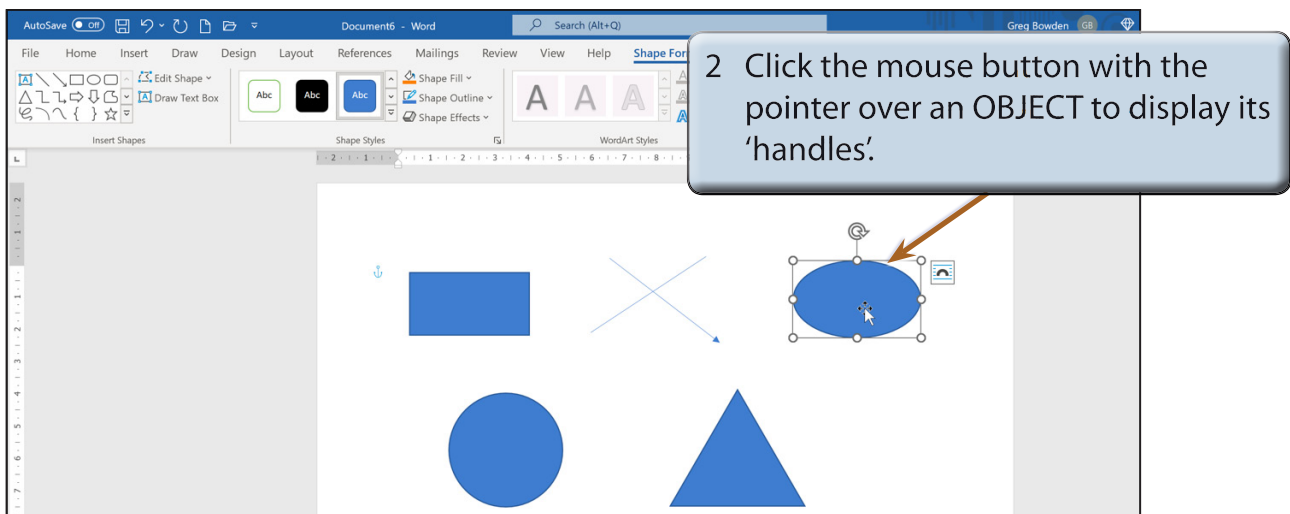
- NOTE:**
- i The SHIFT key causes all sides of an object to be the same size.
  - ii All objects created using the DRAWING TOOLS can be resized using their 'handles'.

## Objects

Each shape drawn in Microsoft Word is said to be an OBJECT or separate entity. You select an OBJECT by placing the pointer over the OBJECT and clicking the mouse button. 'Handles' around the OBJECT tell you that it has been selected. The OBJECT can then be deleted, resized, copied or moved. (You've just seen how to resize.)

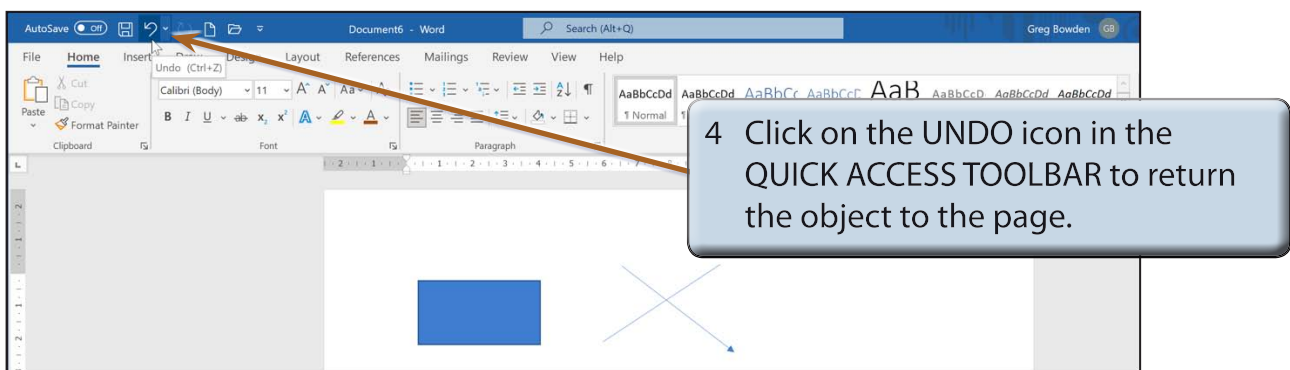
### A Deleting Objects

- 1 You should have a number of OBJECTS on the screen at the moment.



**NOTE:** If an object is filled, you can click on the centre of the object to select it. If the object is not filled, you need to click on the border of the object away from a 'handle'.

3 Press the **BACKSPACE** key and the OBJECT will be removed.



**NOTE:**

- i If you select multiple objects, the UNDO icon can be clicked each time to return each object to the page. Pressing CTRL+Z will also undo previous steps.
- ii The CUT icon from the EDIT group of the HOME tab can also be used to delete OBJECTS.