# Using Tables

When creating web pages you need to be able to align text and graphics accurately. The easiest way to do this is through the use of tables. In this case you will use the TABLES function to create a categories page for Movie Magic showing the different types of DVDs they offer.

Creating a Categories Page

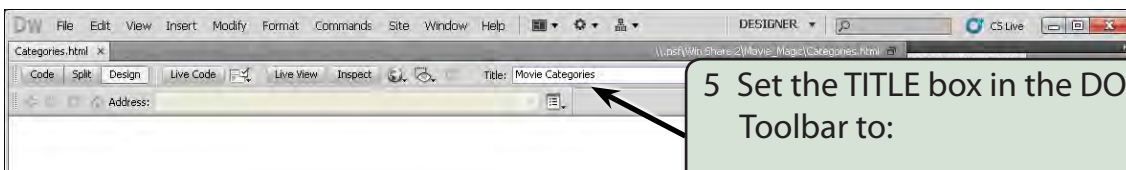1   Load Adobe DreamWeaver CS5 or close the current page.
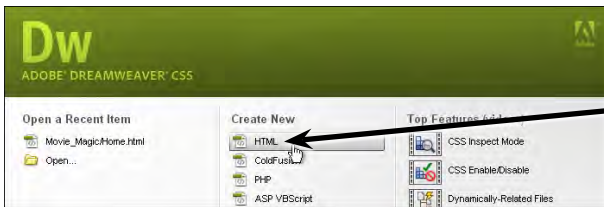
2   In the CREATE NEW section of the WELCOME SCREEN click on HTML to create a NEW HTML document.

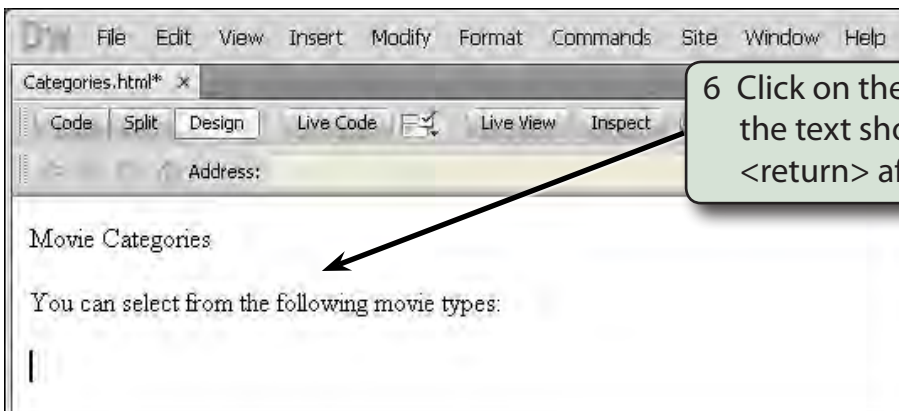3   Ensure that your MOVIE MAGIC site is selected in the FILES panel.

4   Save the page in your MOVIE_MAGIC folder as:

categories or categories.html
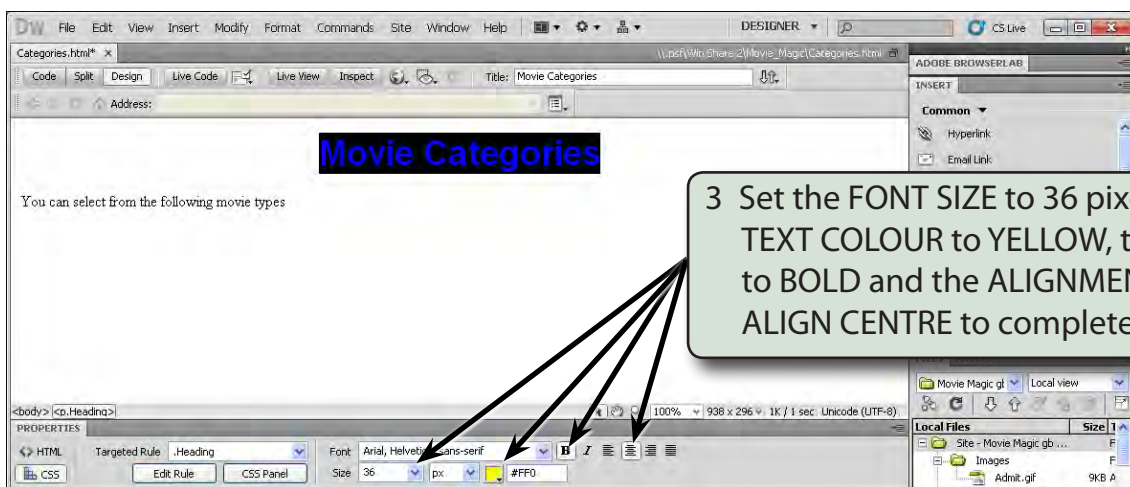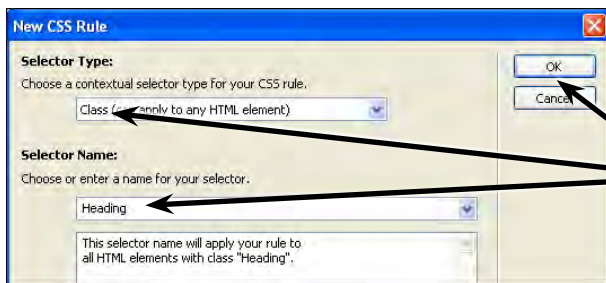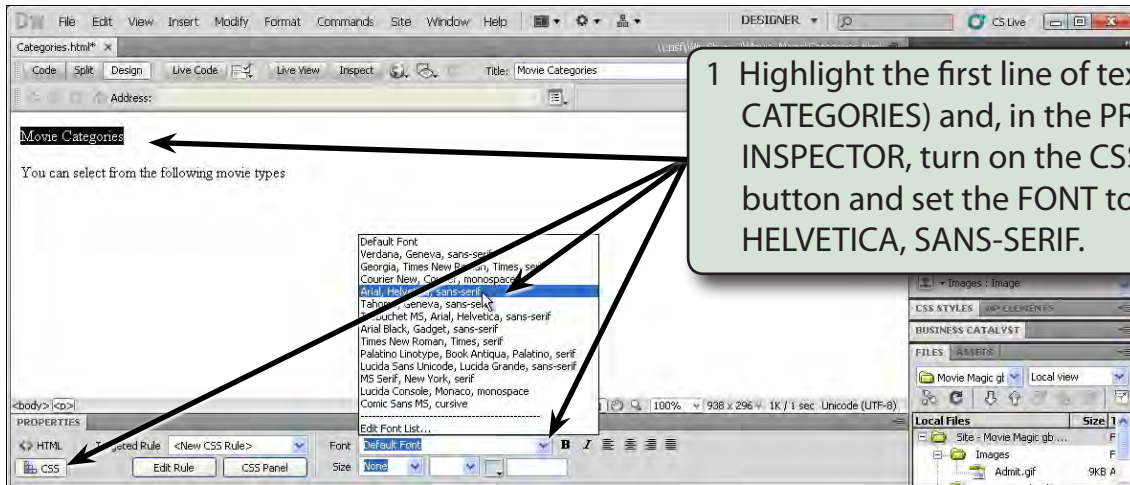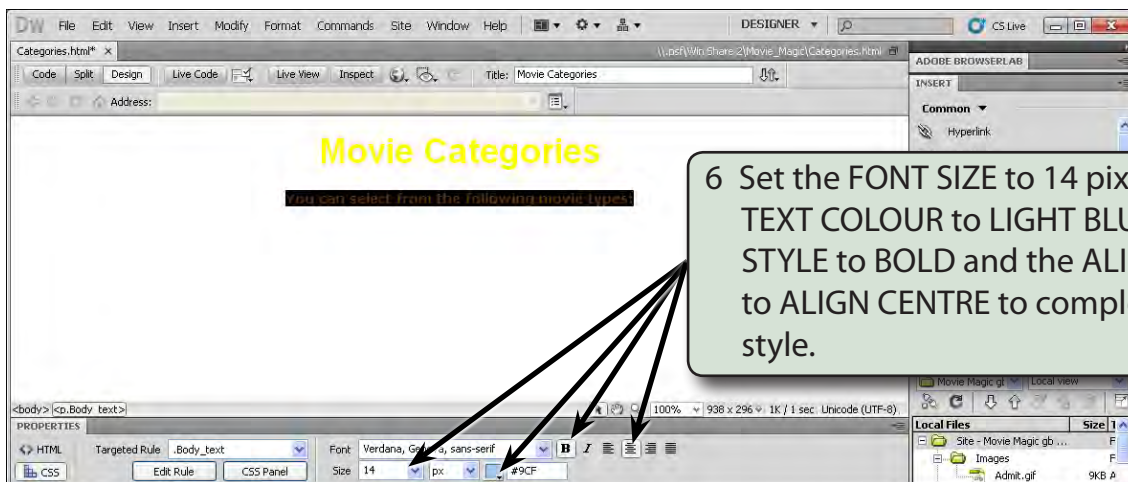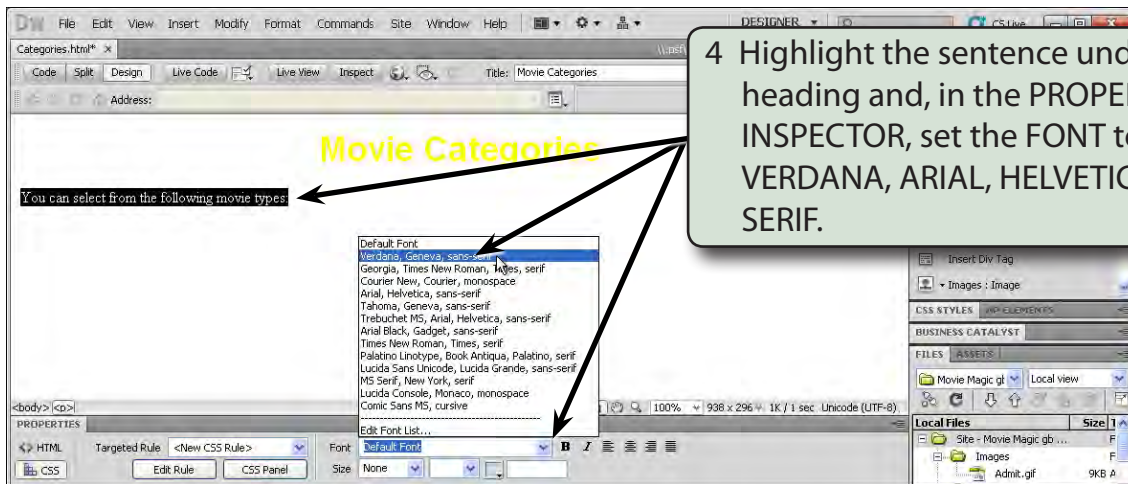
5   Set the TITLE box in the DOCUMENT Toolbar to:

Movie Categories

6   Click on the work page and enter the text shown, pressing <enter> or <return> after each line.

Movie Categories

You can select from the following movie types:

Formatting the Text

1 Highlight the first line of text (MOVIE CATEGORIES) and, in the PROPERTIES INSPECTOR, turn on the CSS button and set the FONT to ARIAL, HELVETICA, SANS-SERIF.

2 Set the SELECTOR TYPE box to CLASS, enter the name HEADING in the SELECTOR NAME box and select OK.

3 Set the FONT SIZE to 36 pixels, the TEXT COLOUR to YELLOW, the STYLE to BOLD and the ALIGNMENT to ALIGN CENTRE to complete the style.

NOTE: A dark background will be inserted after the table has been entered.

4 Highlight the sentence under the heading and, in the PROPERTIES INSPECTOR, set the FONT to VERDANA, ARIAL, HELVETICA, SANS-SERIF.

5 Set the SELECTOR TYPE box to CLASS, enter the name BODY_TEXT in the SELECTOR NAME box and select OK.

6 Set the FONT SIZE to 14 pixels, the TEXT COLOUR to LIGHT BLUE, the STYLE to BOLD and the ALIGNMENT to ALIGN CENTRE to complete the style.

Adding a Horizontal Rule
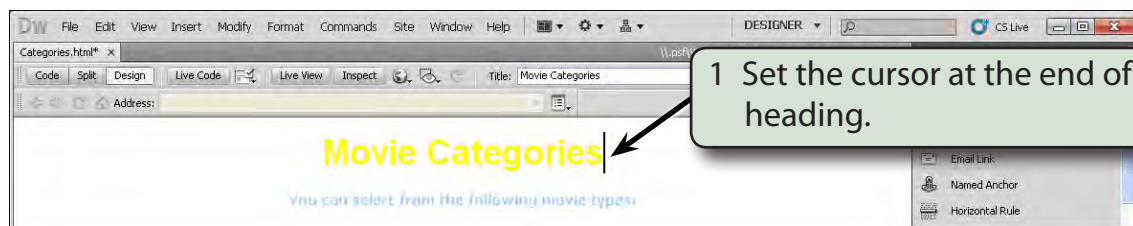
1 Set the cursor at the end of the heading.
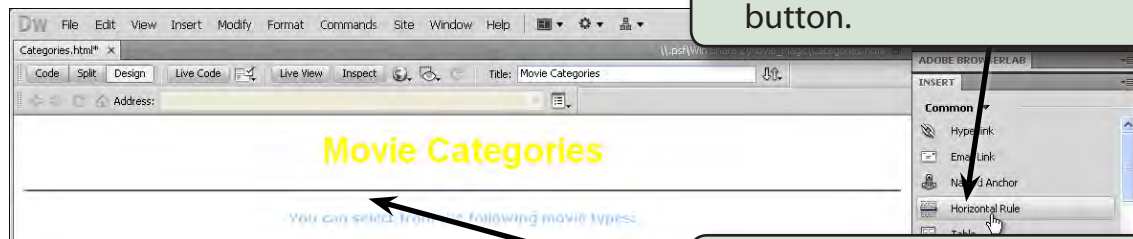
2 In the COMMON tools of the INSERT panel click on the HORIZONTAL RULE button.

3 The horizontal rule should be inserted before the sentence of text.
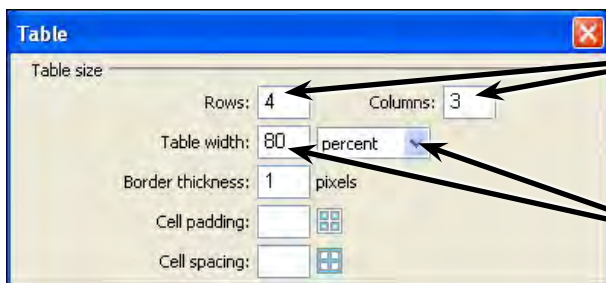
Inserting the Table

A 4 x 3 table will be required. That is, a table with 4 rows and 3 columns.

1 Set the cursor at the blank line just after the last line of text.

2 In the COMMON tools of the INSERT panel click on the TABLE button.

3 Enter 4 in the ROWS box and 3 in the COLUMNS box.

4 TABLE WIDTH is how much of the browser screen the table will fill. Enter 80 in the WIDTH box and set the box next to it to PERCENT.

NOTE: **Setting the table to 80 PERCENT means that the table will fill 80% of the screen no matter how large or small the screen is.**
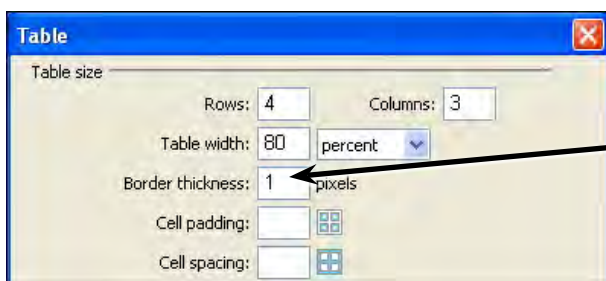
5 Set the BORDER THICKNESS box to 1 so that a thin line border will be inserted.

NOTE: **The BORDER THICKNESS is the thickness of the cell outlines. 0 represents no border, 1 a thin border, 2 a thicker border, etc.**
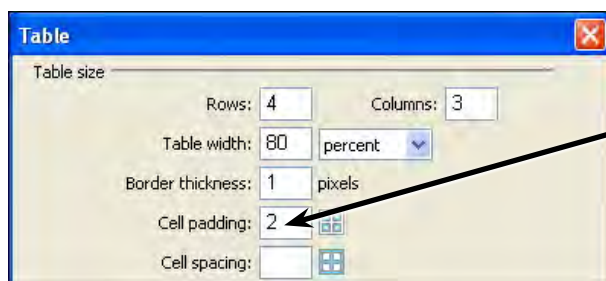
6 Enter 2 in the CELL PADDING box so that the text and graphics will be displayed 2 pixels from each border.

NOTE: **The CELL PADDING is how close the text and graphics are displayed to the border of each cell.**