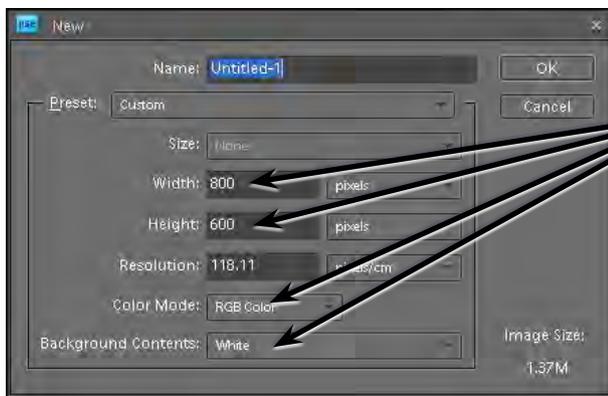


# Adding Text to Designs

Text can be added to photographs and manipulated. There are text effects available to curve letters, display them vertically and applying similar effects to those you applied to shapes in the last chapter.

## Starting a New Document

- 1 Load Photoshop Elements in EDIT MODE or close the current file.
- 2 Display the FILE menu, highlight NEW and select BLANK FILE.

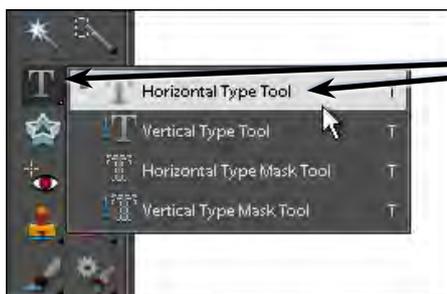


3 Set the WIDTH to 800 pixels, the HEIGHT to 600 pixels, the COLOUR MODE to RGB COLOUR and the BACKGROUND CONTENTS to WHITE.

- 4 Select OK to start the document and set the ZOOM to FIT ON SCREEN (CTRL+0 or COMMAND+0).

## Entering Text

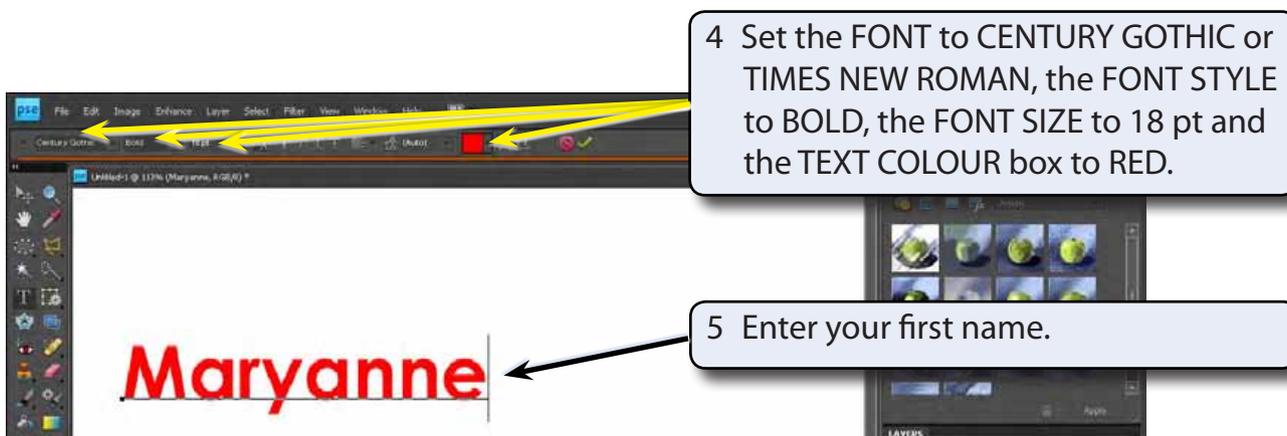
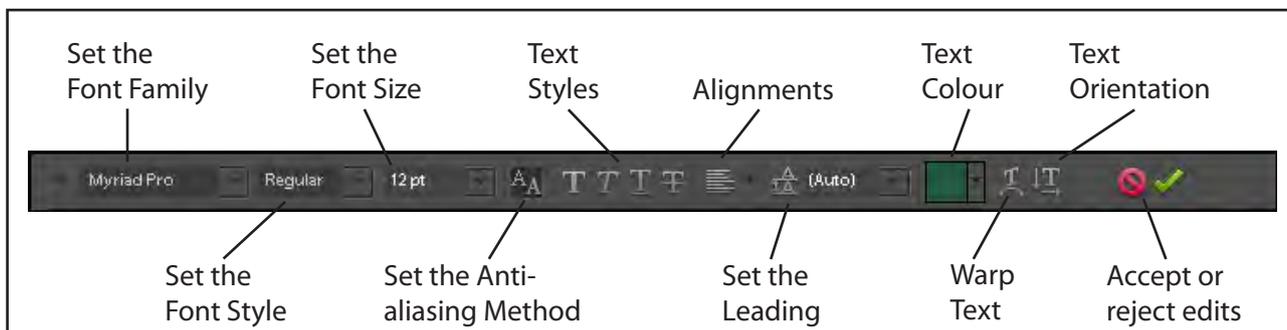
The TEXT TOOLS are housed in the TYPE TOOL in the TOOLS panel.



1 Click and hold down the mouse button on the TYPE TOOL and select the HORIZONTAL TYPE TOOL.

- 2 Click the cursor (which is now an I-Beam) near the left centre of the canvas.

- 3 The OPTIONS BAR should display the text options, which are labelled in the following diagram.

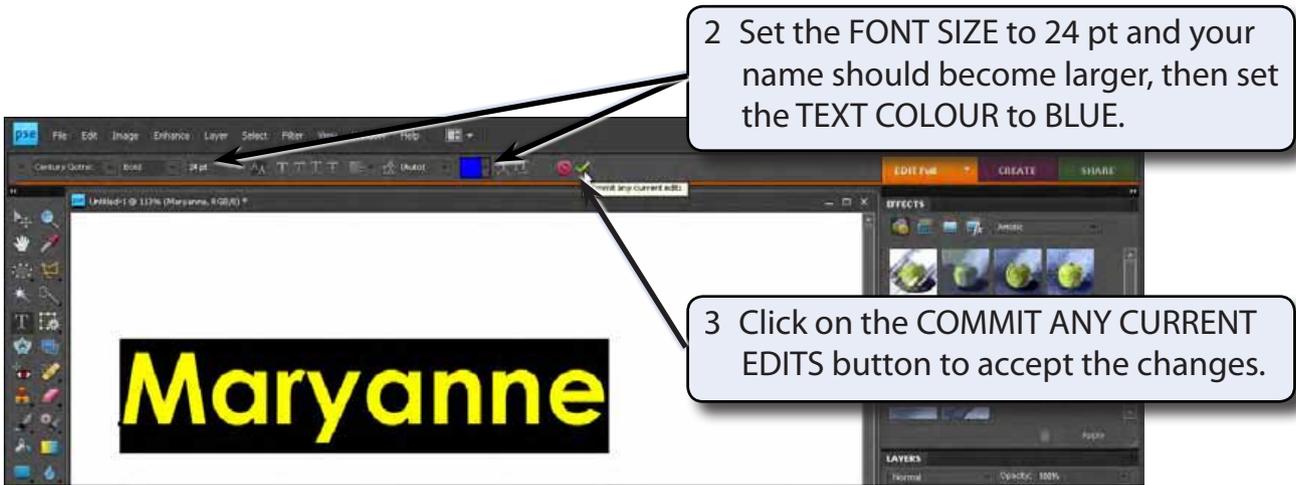


**NOTE:** A text layer is created when you click the I-Beam on the canvas.

## Altering Text

You can alter text once it has been entered.

- 1 Highlight your name by dragging the I-Beam across the letters or by double clicking on the letters.

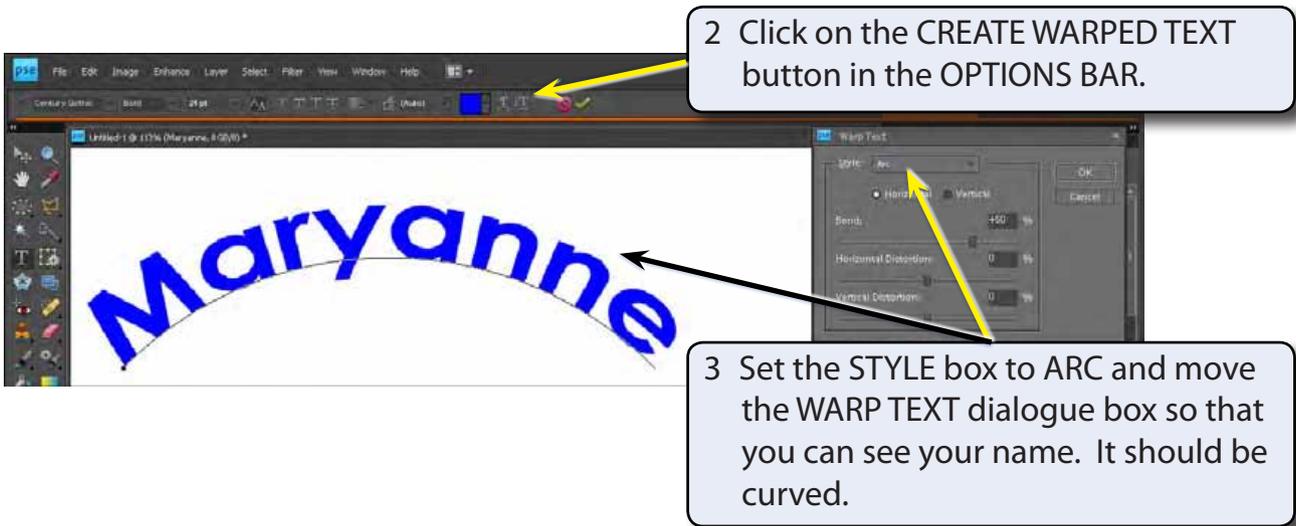


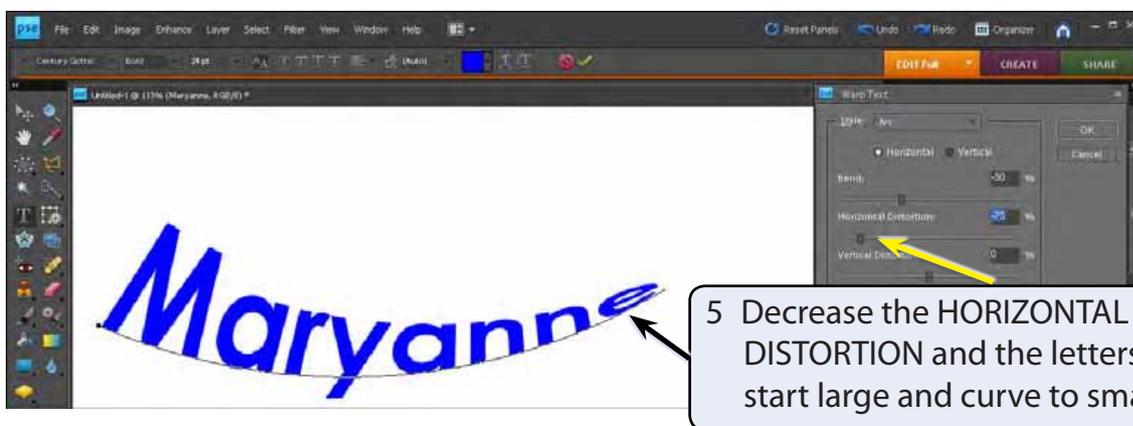
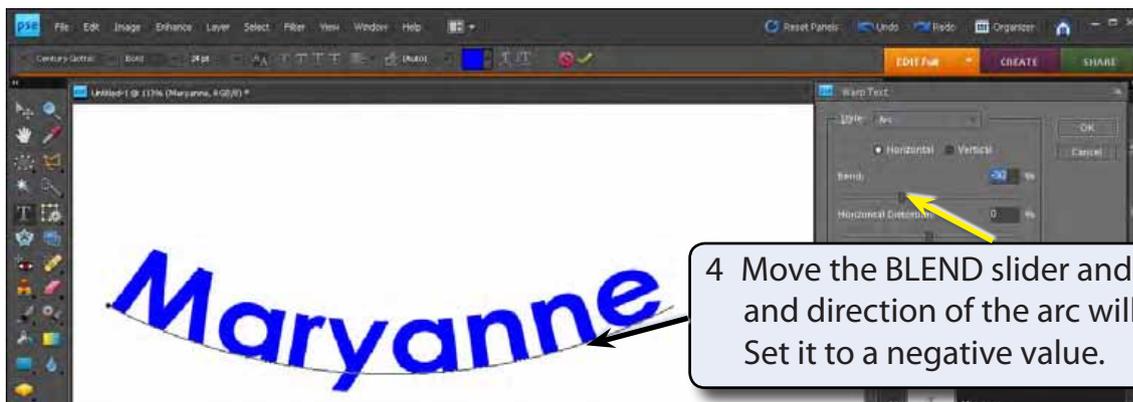
## Warping Text

There are a number of special curved effects that can be applied to the text. These are found in the WARP TEXT button in the OPTIONS BAR.

### A Single Arced Text

- 1 Click the I-Beam anywhere in your name.





**NOTE:** The reverse occurs if you increase the HORIZONTAL DISTORTION.

