

Digital Imaging Group

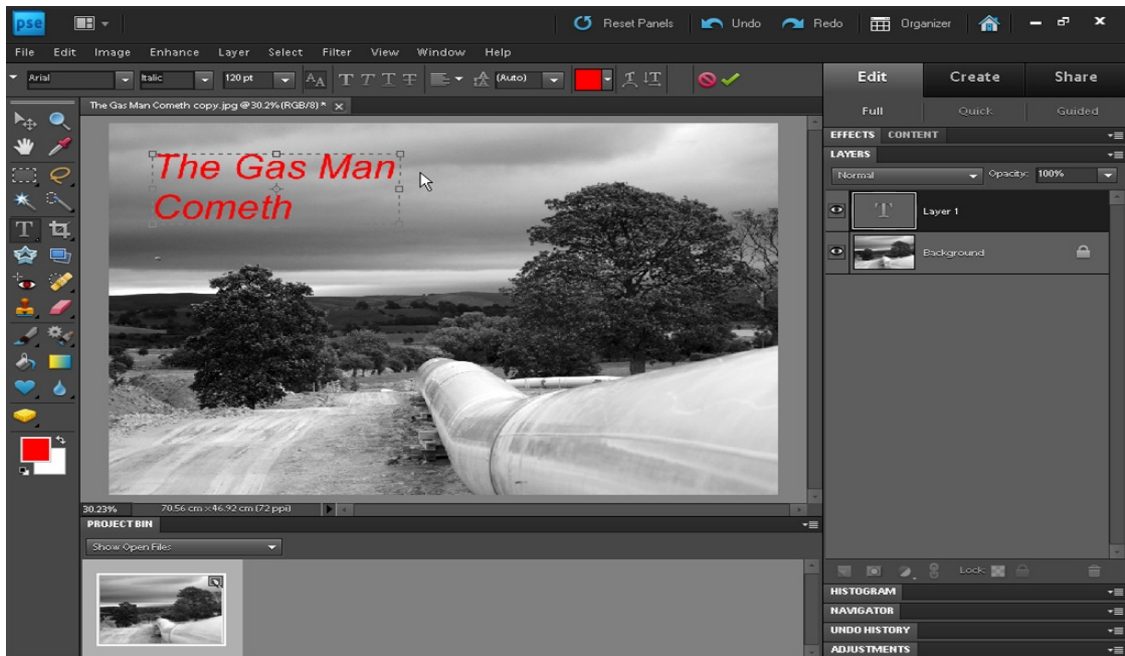
Adding Text

This is a simple operation to add text to your images using Layers and can be as creative as wish to make it.

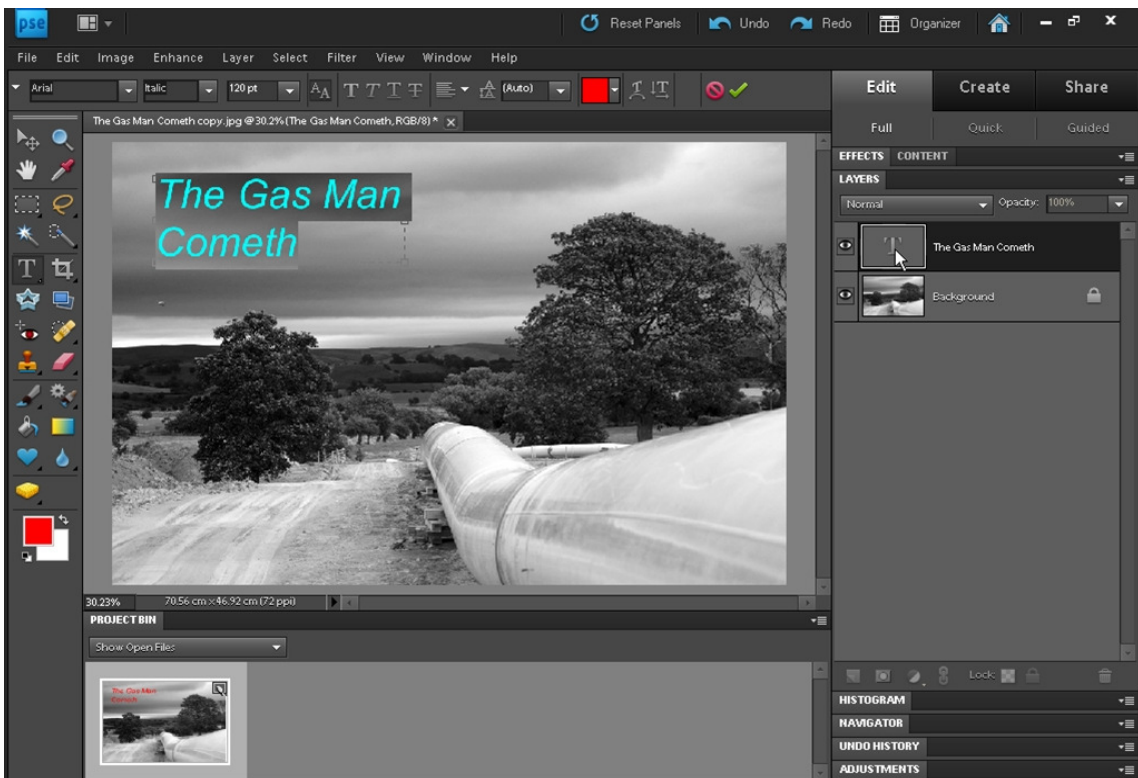
Open your image in Photoshop Elements and click on the Type Tool. A new menu bar will appear at the top allowing you to set the Font, Type Style, Size and Colour of your text.



In the area where you want the text left click and draw out a text box. This box will allow you to type inside it in the normal manner if it is large enough, ie you can use return etc to type multiple lines. You can adjust the size of the box at any time by using the handles at the corners and the mid points of the sides. (If you are typing a word and it doesn't appear, it is probably because the text box isn't big enough to contain it – enlarging the box should cause the word to appear). Hovering the cursor just by the corners will show the curved handles which allow you to rotate the box and its contents. Moving slightly away from the box will produce the cross which will allow you to move the box and its contents around the image

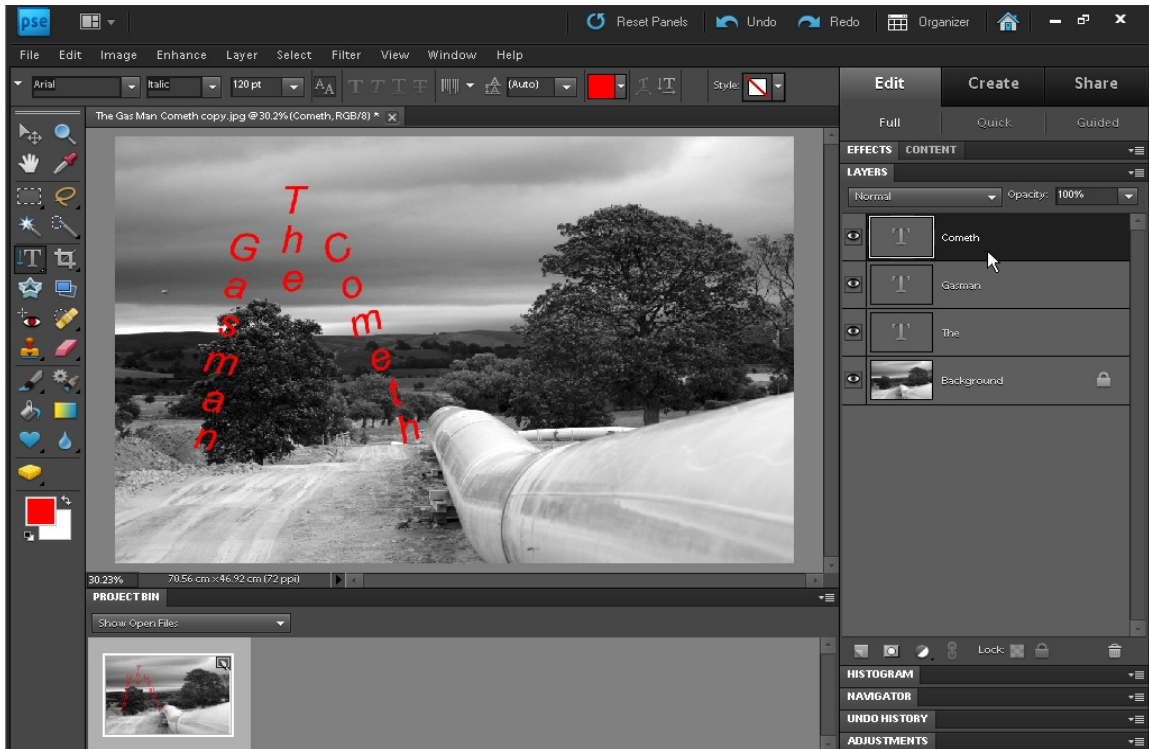


Note also that as soon as you start to type a new Layer appears in the layers box. This is because the text is always put on a new layer and does not affect the image. When you are satisfied click on the green arrow. This will remove the text box and anchor your text in position. Note that the text now appears alongside the the Text icon in the layers stack, this helps with identification if you need to go back and edit it at a later date. A double click on the T icon in the layer stack will cause the text box to reappear, the text to be highlighted and selected ready for editing



It sometimes pays to type each word by repeating this process for each word. This may sound cumbersome but it allows you to edit each word as you wish, colour, size, typeface etc. as well as positioning each word individually.

A right click on the Tool icon will reveal a menu of options one of which is the Vertical Text tool. This works in exactly the same way except that the text is in the vertical plane.



As in this instance I typed each word individually as described above, each word appears on its own layer in the layer stack