

Photoshop Type Tool and Typography panels



Type Tool



When you select the Type Tool (T), the tool options panel (above the document and tools panel) enables several different options.

A) Toggle between vertical and horizontal text. By default, the Type tool is set to horizontal.

B) Typeface selection – all the available typefaces or font families appear here.

C) Font selection - Choose among the different variations (if any) of the font like weights (Light, Regular, Bold, etc.) or appearance (Italic, Condensed, Oblique, etc.). By default, Regular is selected.

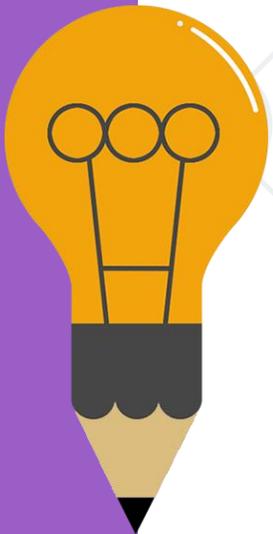
D) Size selection

E) Text appearance – you can choose between options such as Smooth or Sharp. By default, Sharp is selected and most of the time there's no need to change it.

F) Text alignment – you can alter between left, center and right alignment options.

G) Color selection – by default, the color set as foreground (below all the tools) is selected

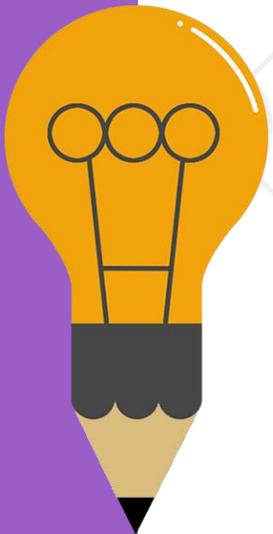
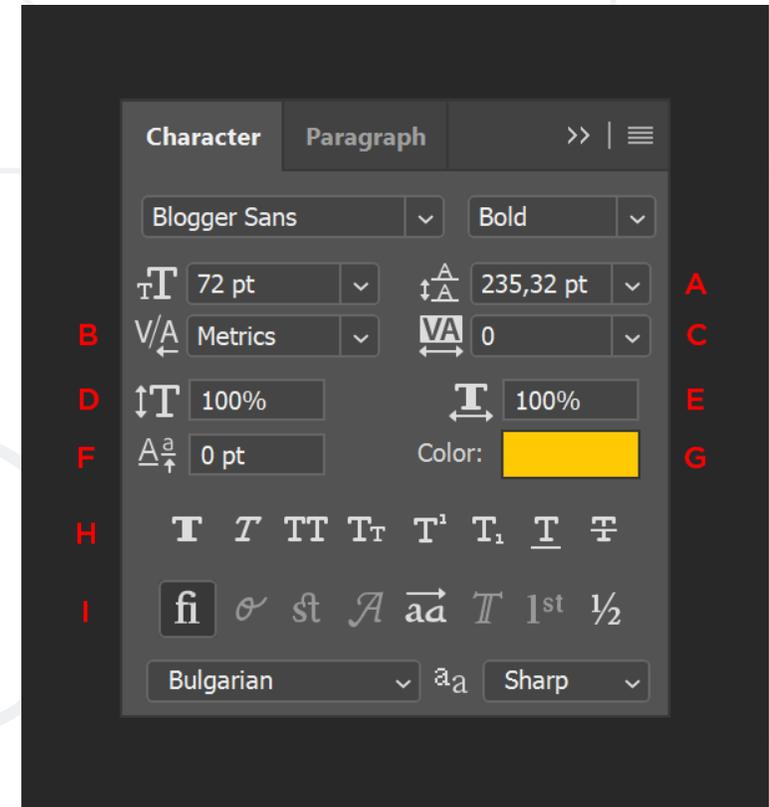
H) Text warping – you can use different warping techniques and forms on your text. Use with caution.



Character Panel

Apart from most of the options of the Tool Option Panel, the Character panel gives you a few more options to manipulate text. You can display the panel from Window>Character.

- A) Adjust the leading (distance between rows of text)
- B) Kerning (distance between two letters)
- C) Tracking (distance between all characters in the text)
- D) Scale text vertically (don't use it)
- E) Scale text horizontally (don't use it)
- F) Set and alter baseline position
- G) Choose a color for your text
- H) Faux font alternatives (bold, italic), Cap type (small, all caps), Special (superscript, subscript, underline and strikethrough)
- I) Open Type features



Paragraph Panel

Additionally, there's a panel to help you manipulate paragraphs or blocks of text – the Paragraph Pane. You can display the panel from Window>Paragraph.

A) Choose text alignment

B) Choose text justification

C) Indent and space options – you can set left or right indent of your text or just the first line. Also, you can add space above the first or below the last line of text

D) Toggle hyphenation – you can choose to or not to hyphenate (break) words on different lines.

