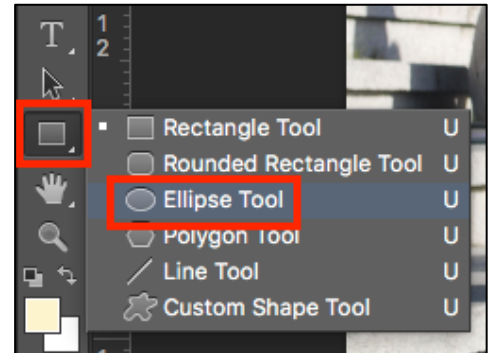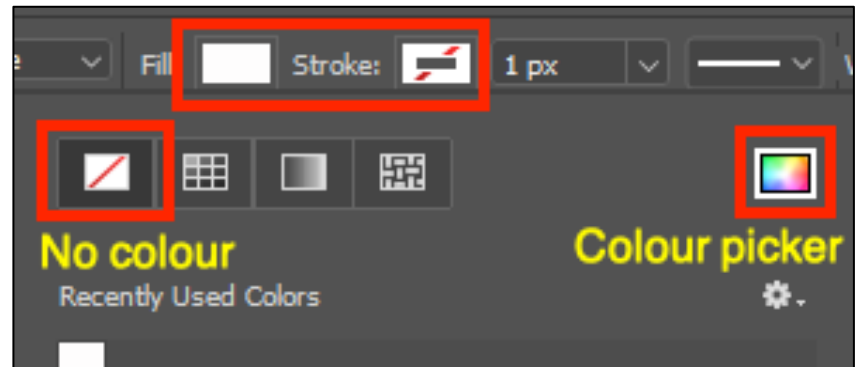# Create Speech Bubbles in Photoshop

1. **Open** your image in Photoshop – **File** > **Open**

2. **Click and hold** on the **Rectangle Tool** towards the **bottom** of the **left toolbar** > choose the **Ellipse Tool**

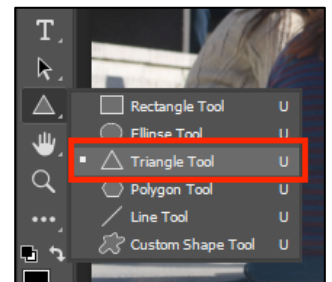3. At the **top**, make sure the **Fill** is **white** - you'll need to use the **colour palate**

4. Make the **Stroke** colour **no fill** – use the **red diagonal line**

5. **Draw** your speech bubble and use the **Move Tool** (the top arrow on the left toolbar) to drag it around
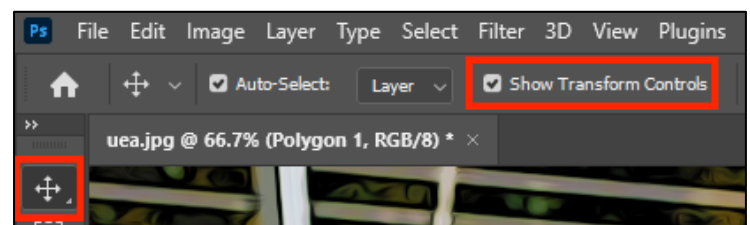
Make the call out

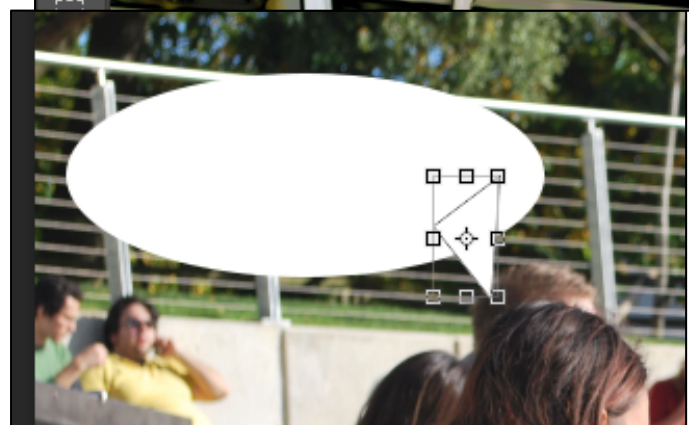6. **Click and hold** on the **Ellipse Tool** > choose the **Triangle Tool**
7. **Draw** a triangle

8. Switch to the **Move Tool**
9. **IMPORTANT:** Make sure **Show Transform Controls** is ticked
10. **Change** the size and shape of the triangle so that it acts as the mouth piece of the speech bubble
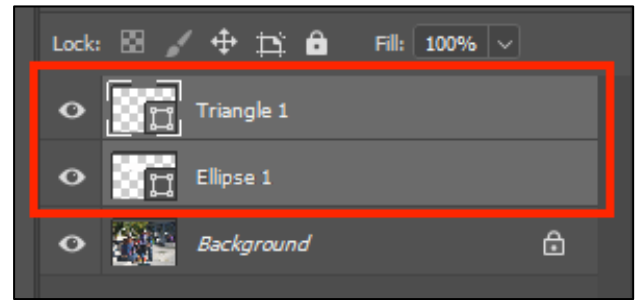
Merge the shapes

We need to combine the ellipse and the triangle

11. Hold the **SHIFT** key down and select **both** the **Triangle 1** and **Ellipse 1** layers in the **layer stack**
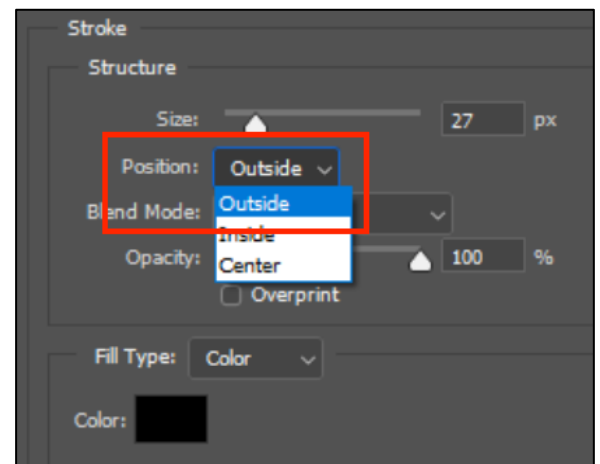
12. **Layer** > **Merge Shapes**

This creates just one shape called Triangle 1

Add a line around the bubble

Make sure you're clicked on the **Triangle 1 layer**

13. **Layer** > **Layer style** > **Stroke**

14. **IMPORTANT:** set the **Position** drop down box to **Outside**

15. Make sure the **colour** is set to **black**

16. Change the **Size** of the stroke to something thick enough (try something between 12 and 24 to start with – it will depend on the size of the call out)

17. Click **OK**

This create a single shape with a dark outline

Add text

18. Now add your text to the speech bubble

Usually comic book lettering uses **CAPITAL LETTERS** and a hand drawn style of font

You can add thought bubbles and rectangles to describe action using the same method.