

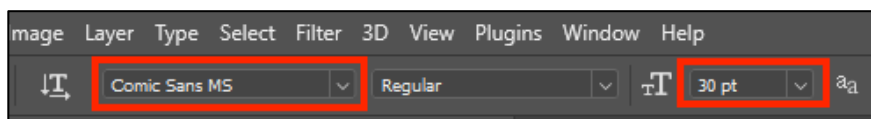
# Making a Word Balloon – Method 1

You need to be working on a Photoshop image for this. The image needs to be the right size – otherwise you can't judge the size of text needed

## Step 1: Add the Text

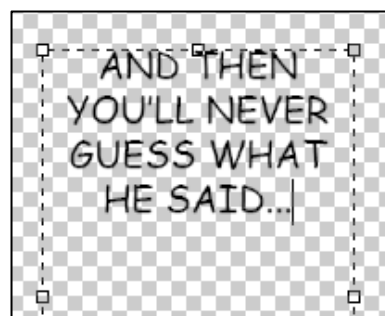
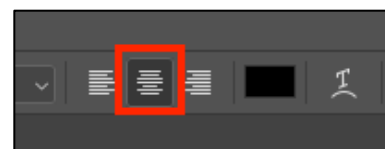
1. Choose the **Text Tool** from the left toolbar and **drag out a text box**  
Don't worry about the writing in the textbox. That's just placeholder text and will disappear

2. At the **top**, change the typeface to something like



**Comic Sans**. On a 300ppi image, you'll probably want a text size **between 18 and 36**

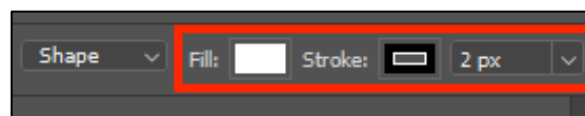
3. **IMPORTANT: Centre** the text
4. Type your words (or copy them in from your script)
5. **IMPORTANT:** use UPPER CASE. Probably
6. Resize the textbox until you get something that looks about right



## Step 2: Add an Ellipse

7. Find the **Rectangle Tool** on the **left toolbar**
8. Click and hold the tool and choose the **Ellipse Tool**

9. **At the top**, make sure the **Fill colour** is **white** and the **Stroke colour** is **black**



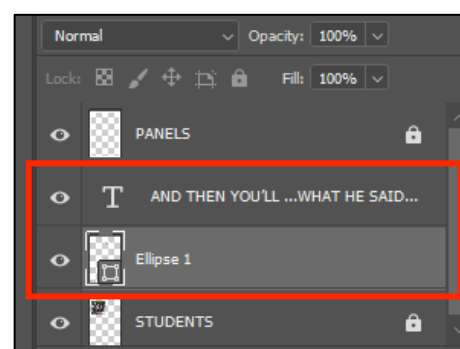
10. Draw an Ellipse that's about the right size and shape to act as the balloon

11. **At the top**, change the **weight** of the stroke to be a bit thicker – try **3-5 px**

12. **IMPORTANT:** Swap to the **Move Tool** at the **top** of the **left toolbar**

13. Drag the Ellipse layer **underneath** the Text layer in the layer stack

14. If you've ended up with too many text or ellipse layers, this is the time to delete them



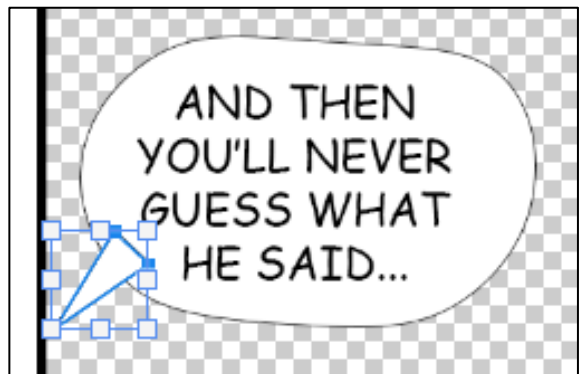
### Step 3: Tweak the Shape

15. With the **Move Tool** selected, **hold down Control** on the keyboard and resize the ellipse. This gives you a bit more control over the shape of the word balloon
16. To get even more control, switch to the **Pen Tool**. **Hover** over the edge of the ellipse and a **+** appears. Click **once** to add an anchor point
17. Now you can then use the **Pen Tool** to drag the anchor point around to get even more control of your shape
18. Add as many anchor points as you need to. If it all goes wrong, undo or start again



### Step 4: Add the Tail

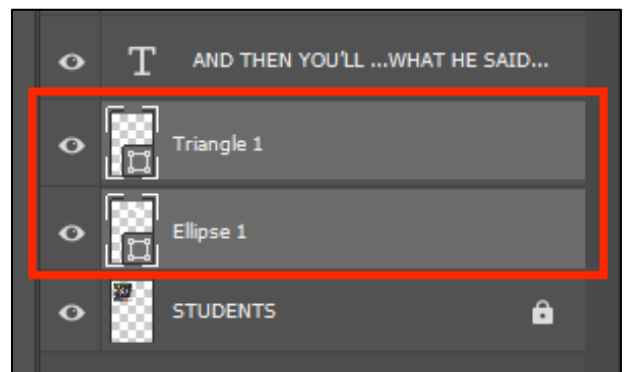
19. Switch from the Ellipse Tool to the **Triangle Tool** – click and hold on the **left toolbar**
20. Draw a **long, quite thin triangle** – the colours and stroke should be the same as your ellipse was
21. **Rotate** the triangle – **hover** just outside one of the corners and a rotate option should become available
22. Move it into place to act as the tail



### Step 5: Merge some shapes

The triangle is its own shape, so the borders don't work yet

23. Hold down **SHIFT** and click to select both the **Ellipse** and the **Triangle** layer in the **Layer Stack**
24. Click **Layer > Merge Shapes** (careful – make sure you Merge **Shapes**)  
This creates a single shape
25. Once you're happy with your text layer, merge the text and shape layers – **Layer > Merge Layers** this time
26. Now drag the word balloon into place



### Adding captions and narrations

This just uses a rectangle instead of an ellipse. Make sure text is **left aligned**