Making a Word Balloon – Method 2

Using an ellipse and a triangle for a word balloon is all perfectly fine. But sometimes you need a balloon that looks a bit unique
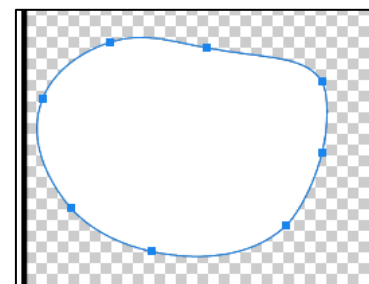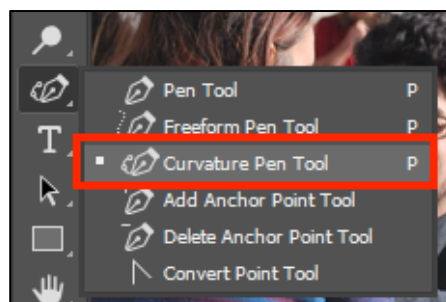
Traditionally word balloons are drawn by hand. So they can be any shape they need to be.

Step 1: Add the Text

1. Add the text as usual
2. Make sure you:
   - use a hand drawn typeface such as **Comic Sans**
   - use **UPPER CASE** lettering
   - **centre** the text
   - make the text big enough – between 18 and 30 points on a 300ppi image
3. **Resize** the text to get the sort of shape you're looking for

Step 2: Add an Ellipse

4. Find the **Pen Tool** on the **left toolbar**
5. **Click and hold** on the Pen and select the **Curvature Pen Tool**
   This lets you draw curved lines and shapes

6. Make sure the **Fill colour** is set to **white**, the **Stroke colour** to **black** and the weight of the stroke is a bit thicker – try 2-3 px at first
7. **Click** around your text to create a shape – each click sets an **anchor point**
8. Finish by clicking back on the first anchor point to create a solid shape

9. **Drag** the shape underneath the text in the **Layer Stack**
10. Use the **Curvature Pen Tool** to adjust the individual anchor points of the shape

Step 4: Add the Tail

11. You can use the **Curvature Pen Tool** to draw a tail as well. This lets you get a curved tail rather than a triangular one
12. Don't forget to merge the shapes – **Layer** > **Merge Shapes**