

## Refining Selections

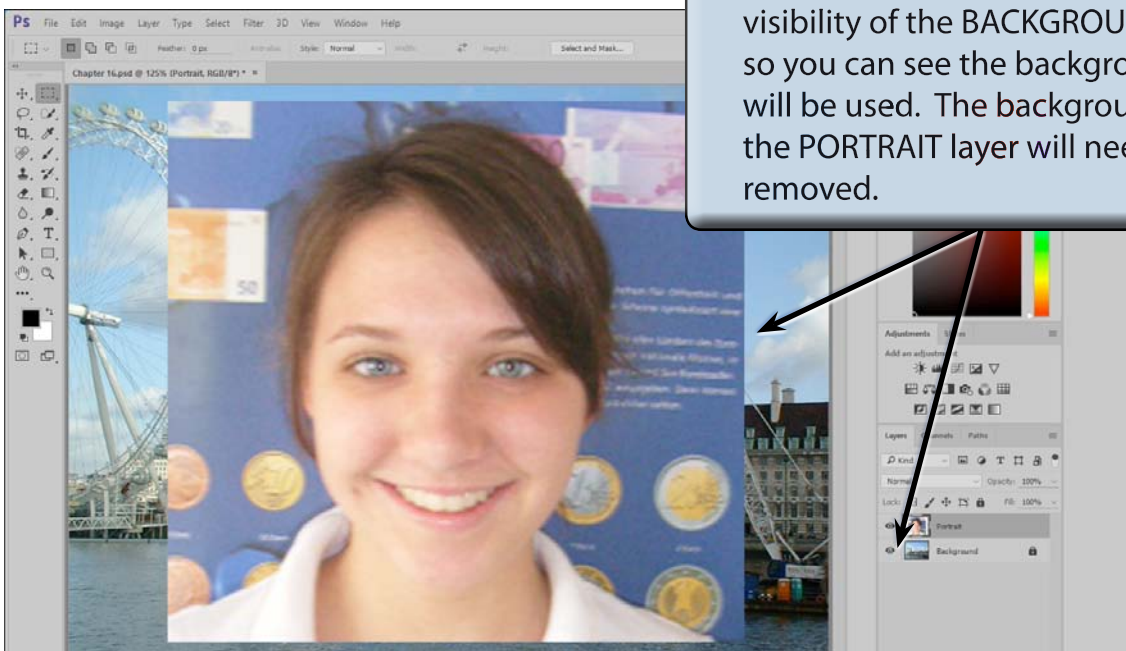
Selecting part of a photo and inserting the selection into another document is one of the most common tasks that Photoshop is used for. It is important that the selection is highly accurate, but areas such as hair are always difficult to select. In Module 1 you selected separated a object in a photo and used the SELECT AND MASK dialogue box to refine the selection. In this chapter a picture of a girl will be removed from one background and placed on another directly from within the SELECT AND MASK dialogue box .

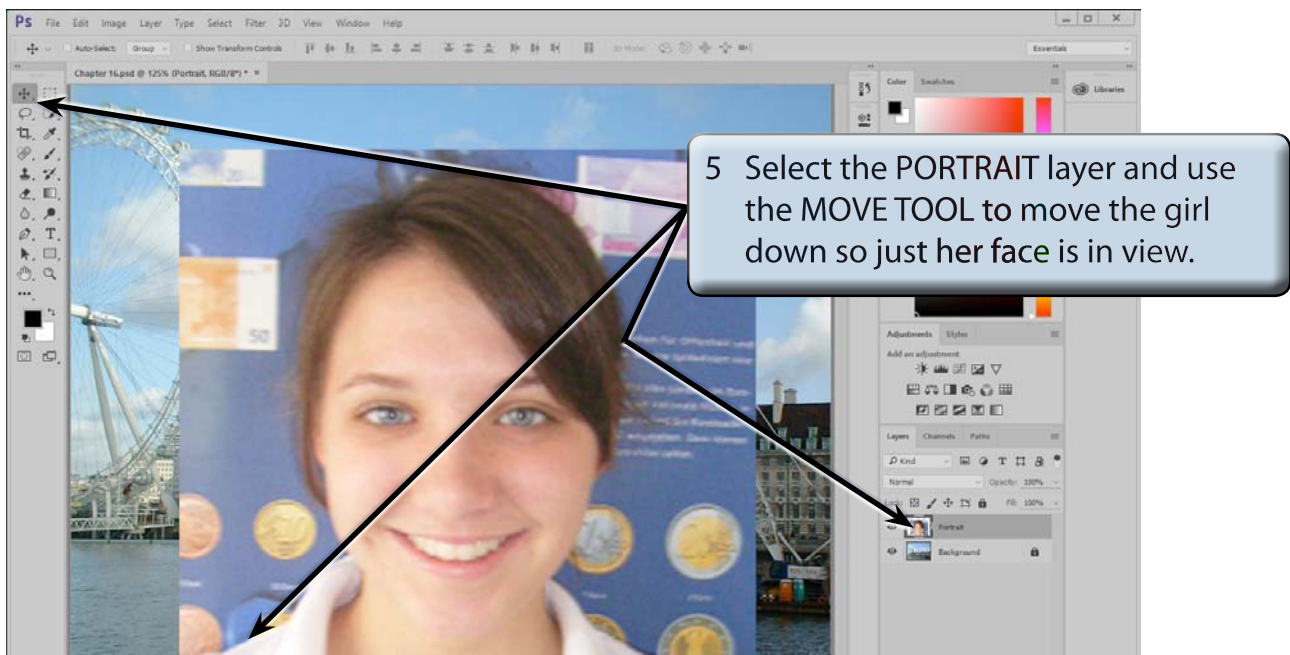
### Loading the Sample Photo

A photo of a girl has been prepared for you and she will be placed onto a more interesting background.

- 1 Load Photoshop or close the current file and select OPEN from the WELCOME screen or FILE menu.
- 2 Access the PScC SUPPORT FILES, open the CHAPTER 16 folder and load the CHAPTER 16 file.
- 3 The photo of the girl is in one layer and the new background has been dragged into another layer.

- 4 In the LAYERS panel turn on the visibility of the BACKGROUND layer so you can see the background that will be used. The background in the PORTRAIT layer will need to be removed.





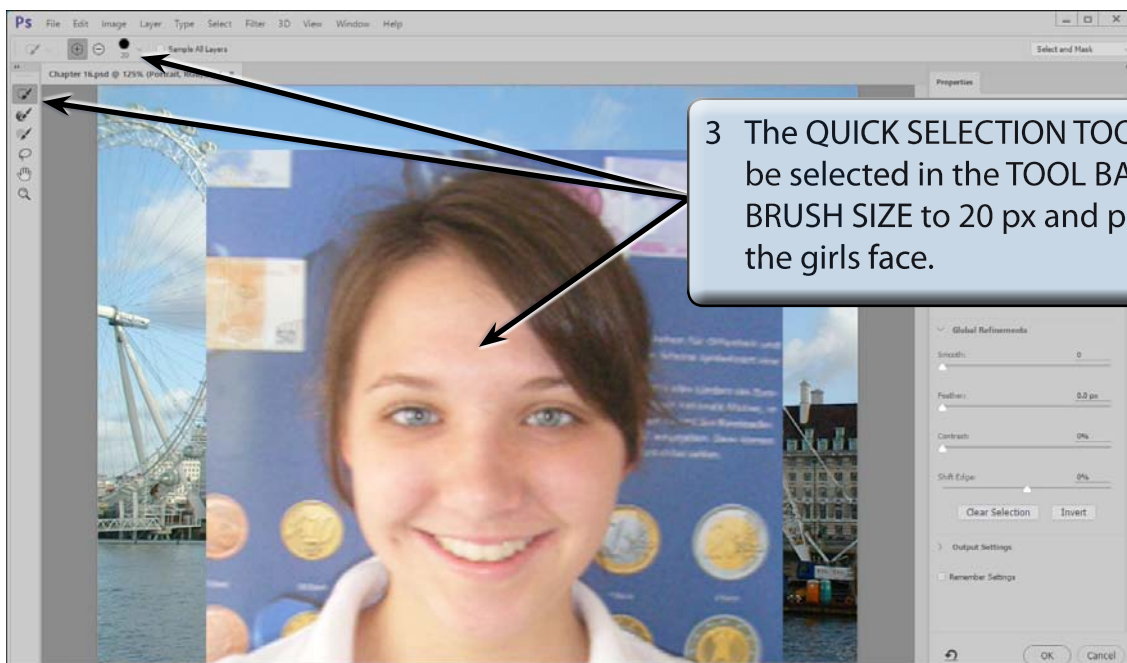
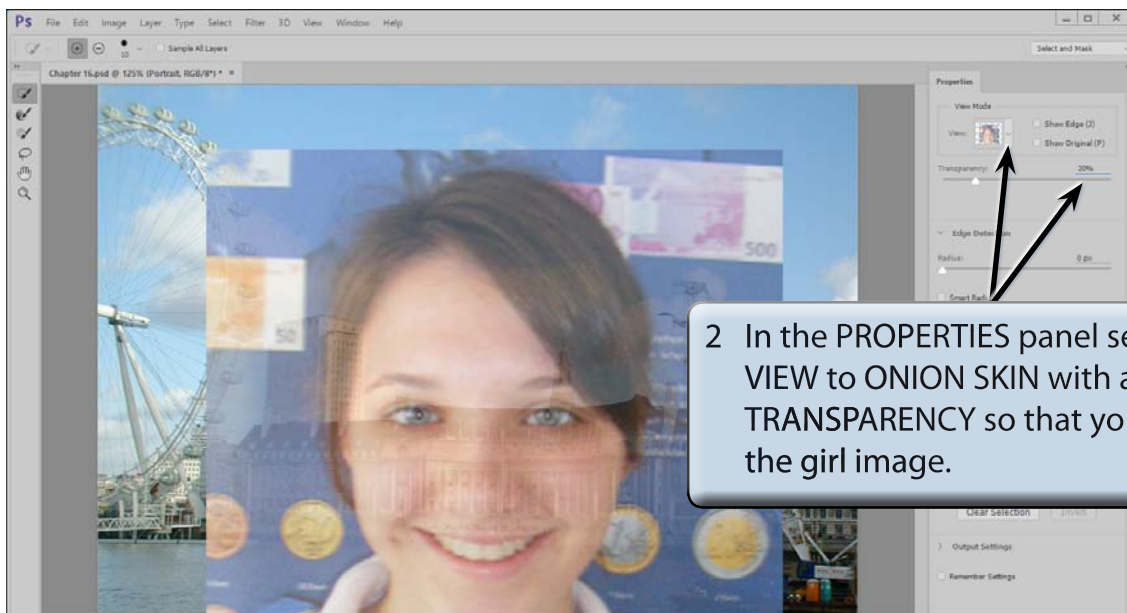
## The Select and Mask Dialogue Box

In this case the selection of the girl will be made within the SELECT AND MASK dialogue box. You could use the QUICK SELECTION TOOL to select the girl first as you have done previously then open the SELECT AND MASK dialogue box and it is personal choice which method you wish to use.

### A Selecting the Girl

- 1 Display the SELECT menu and choose SELECT AND MASK to open the SELECT AND MASK dialogue box.

**NOTE:** If the appropriate tool is selected in the TOOLS panel, there is a SELECT AND MASK icon in the OPTIONS BAR that can be used.



**NOTE:** It may be difficult to see the selection, but the selection does not need to be accurate at this stage.

## B Refining the Selection

Some of the background will be included in the selection and it can easily be removed. Then the difficult to select areas such as the hair can be refined.

