

Using Blurs in Animations

Blur effects can be used in animations to highlight important parts by making them gradually come into focus. To illustrate this a short animation advertising a car will be created.

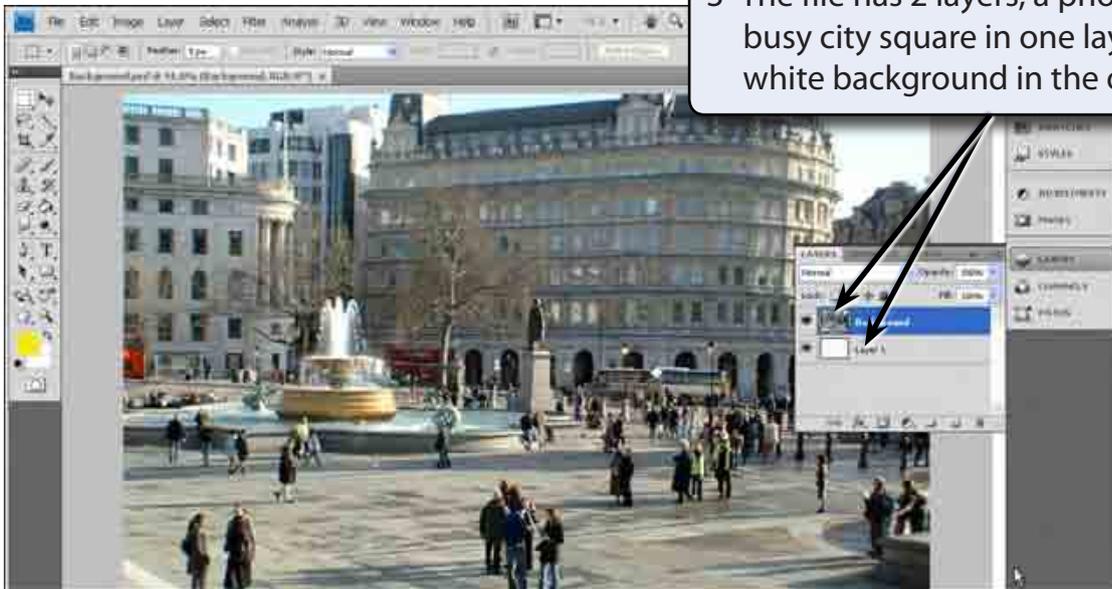
Creating the Layers

The first step in creating an animation in Photoshop is to set up the required layers.

A Loading the Background Layer

The background will be a photo of a busy city square.

- 1 Load Photoshop or close the current files then display the FILE menu and select OPEN.
- 2 Access the PSCs4 SUPPORT FILES, open the CHAPTER 31 folder and load the BACKGROUND file.

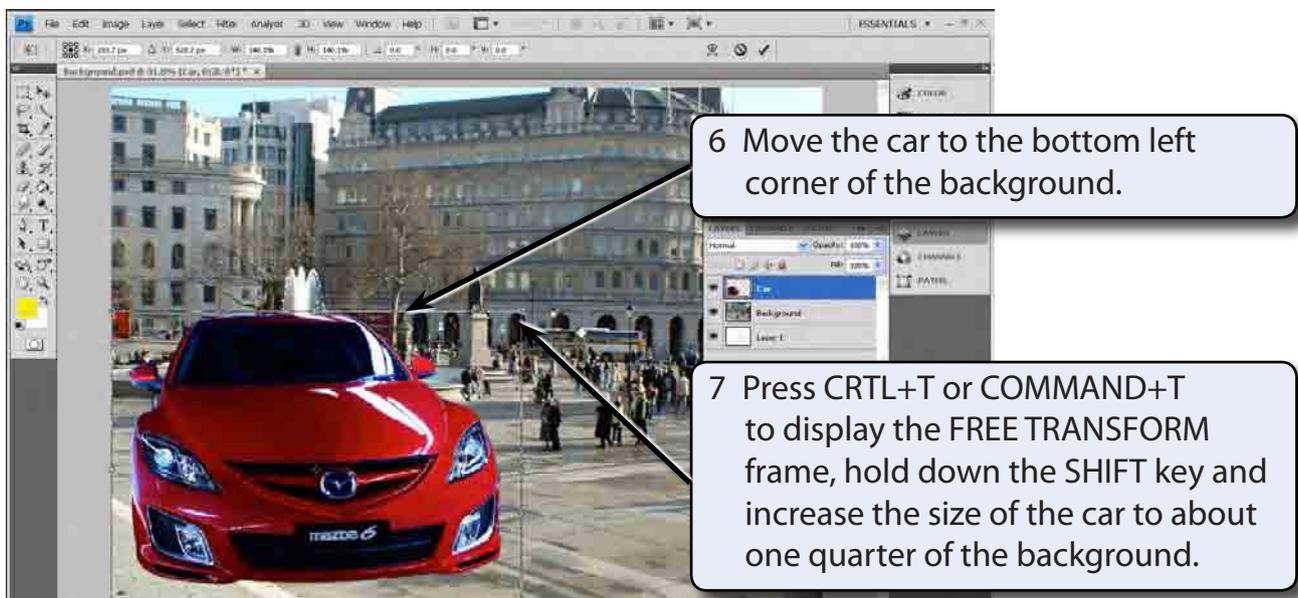
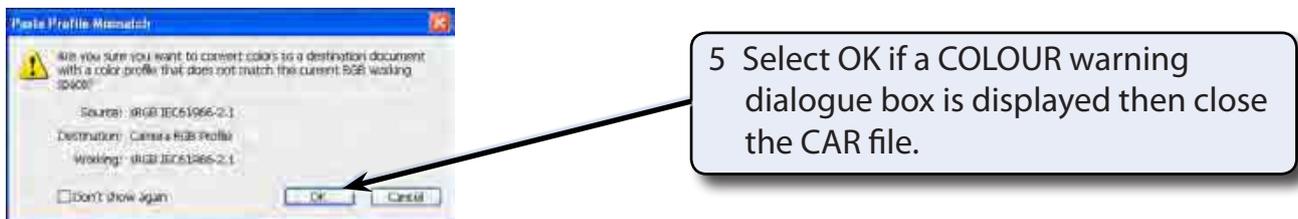
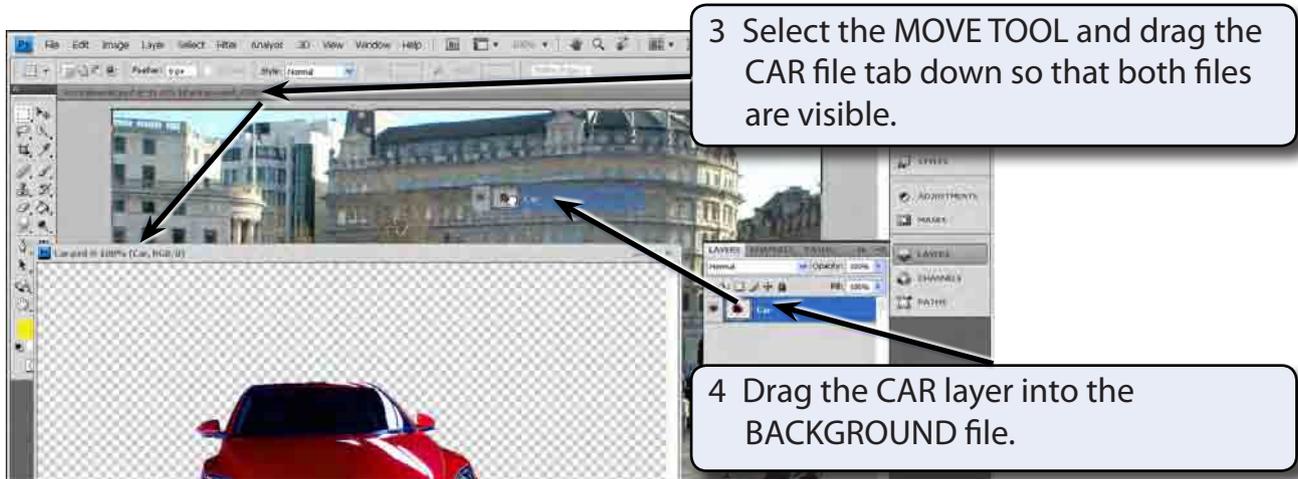


3 The file has 2 layers, a photo of a busy city square in one layer and a white background in the other.

B Adding the Car Layer

A photo of a car has been prepared for you and it needs to be added to the BACKGROUND file.

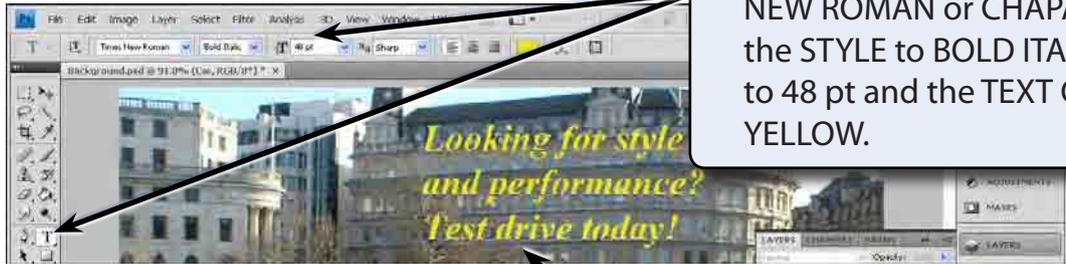
- 1 Display the FILE menu and select OPEN.
- 2 Access the CHAPTER 31 folder of the PScs4 SUPPORT FILES and load the CAR file.



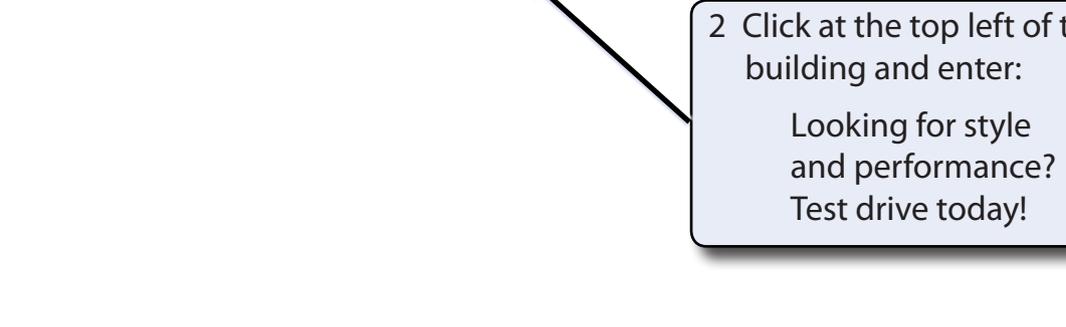
- 8 Press <enter> or <return> to accept the transformation.

C Adding the Text Layer

Some text will be added at the top of the background.



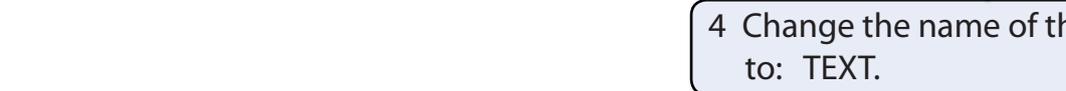
1 Select the HORIZONTAL TYPE TOOL and, in the OPTIONS BAR, set the FONT to a serif font such as TIMES NEW ROMAN or CHAPARRAL PRO, the STYLE to BOLD ITALIC, the SIZE to 48 pt and the TEXT COLOUR to YELLOW.



2 Click at the top left of the centre building and enter:
 Looking for style <enter>
 and performance? <enter>
 Test drive today!



3 Select the MOVE TOOL and move the text to the centre of the building.

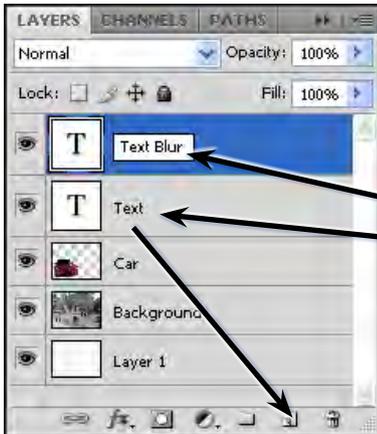


4 Change the name of the text layer to: TEXT.

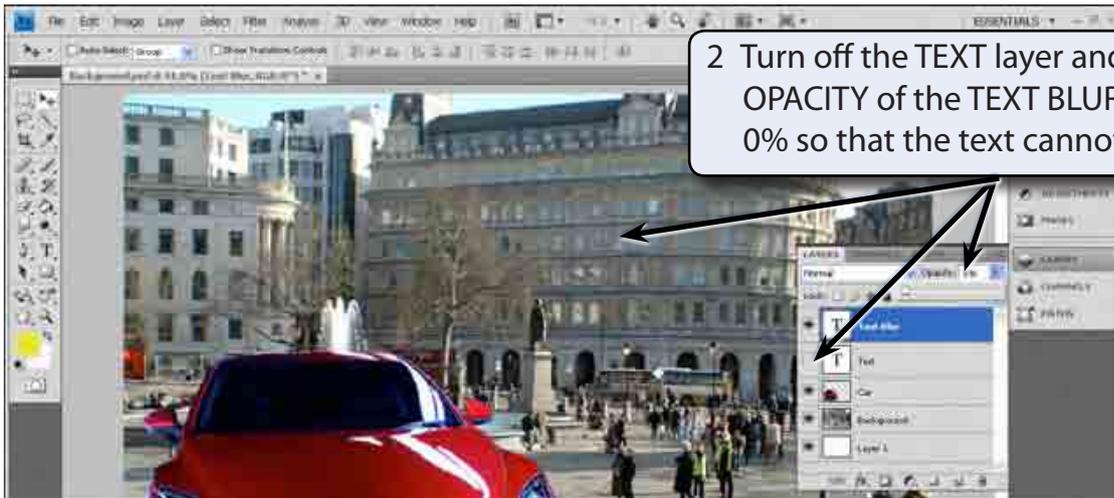
Creating the Blur Layers

Each layer will be duplicated and its copy blurred or its opacity reduced.

A Blurring the Text



1 Drag the TEXT layer over the CREATE A NEW LAYER icon and rename the duplicate layer:
Text Blur



2 Turn off the TEXT layer and set the OPACITY of the TEXT BLUR layer to 0% so that the text cannot be seen.