

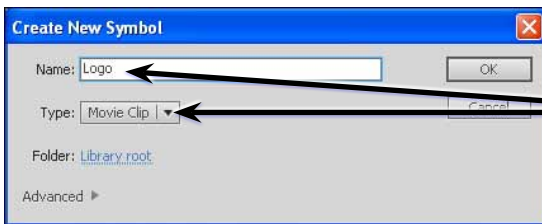
Text Effect Movie Clips

You can set special text effects as a movie clip then import them into web pages. For example, you might want an animated logo or a message flashing across the screen.

Creating the Movie Clip Symbol

The first step in the process is to create the movie clip symbol.

- 1 Load Flash or close the current file and create a NEW FLASH FILE (ActionScript 3.0).
- 2 Display the INSERT menu and select NEW SYMBOL.

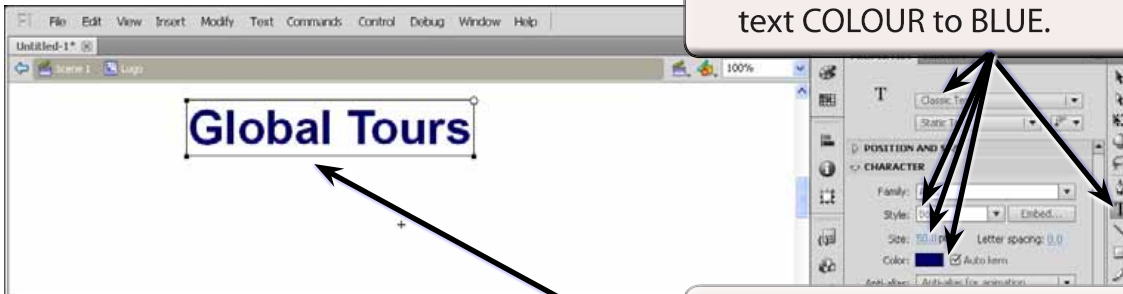


3 Name the symbol LOGO and set the TYPE to MOVIE CLIP.

- 4 Select OK and your screen will be set to MOVIE CLIP EDIT MODE.

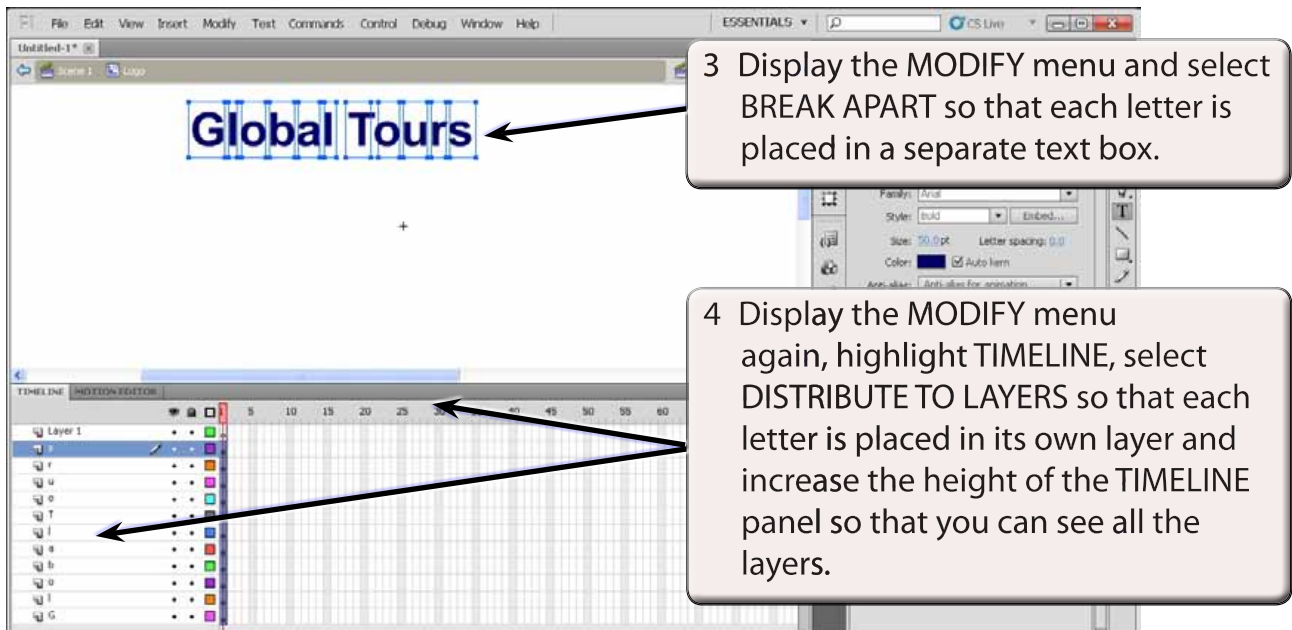
Entering the Text

Some text will be entered then broken apart and distributed to layers so that each letter is in a separate layer. Once this is completed each letter can be animated.



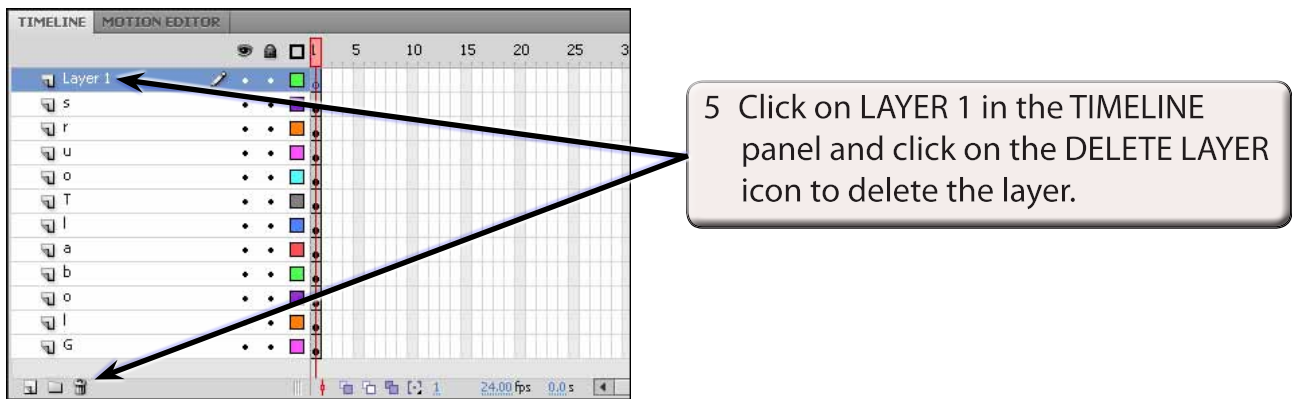
1 Select the TEXT TOOL, set the TEXT ENGINE to CLASSIC TEST, the STYLE to BOLD, the SIZE to 50 point and the text COLOUR to BLUE.

2 Click the I-Beam on the stage and enter:
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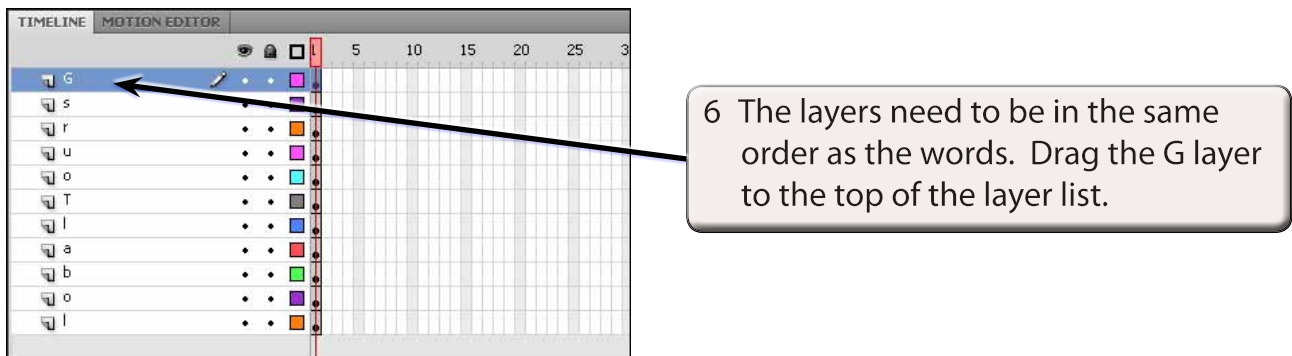


3 Display the MODIFY menu and select BREAK APART so that each letter is placed in a separate text box.

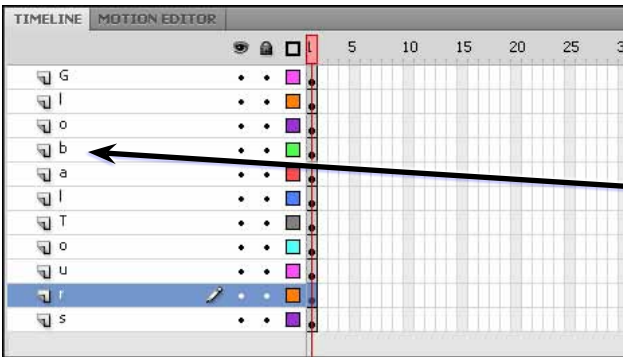
4 Display the MODIFY menu again, highlight TIMELINE, select DISTRIBUTE TO LAYERS so that each letter is placed in its own layer and increase the height of the TIMELINE panel so that you can see all the layers.



5 Click on LAYER 1 in the TIMELINE panel and click on the DELETE LAYER icon to delete the layer.



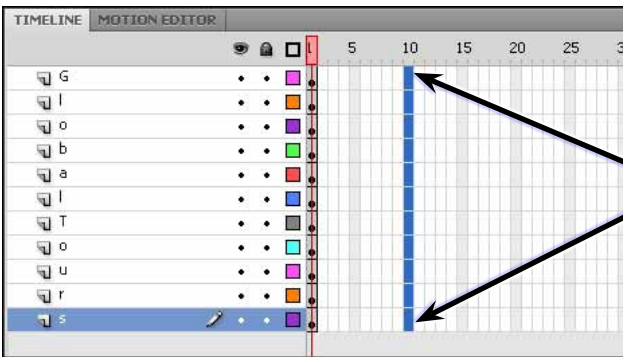
6 The layers need to be in the same order as the words. Drag the G layer to the top of the layer list.



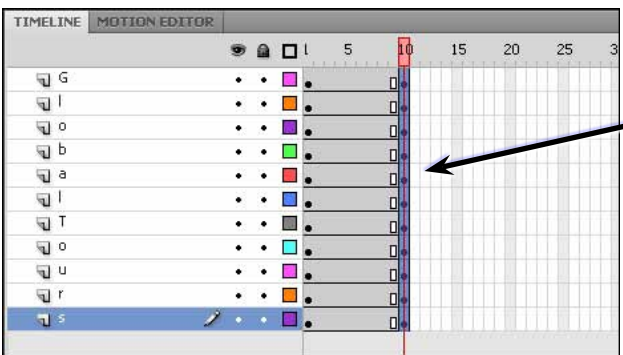
7 Repeat step 6 to move the other layers so that they are in the same order as the letters in the words.

Adding Keyframes

Keyframes will be added to each layer. This can be done in one step.



1 Highlight FRAME 10 for each layer by dragging the pointer from FRAME 10 of the G layer to FRAME 10 of the last L layer.

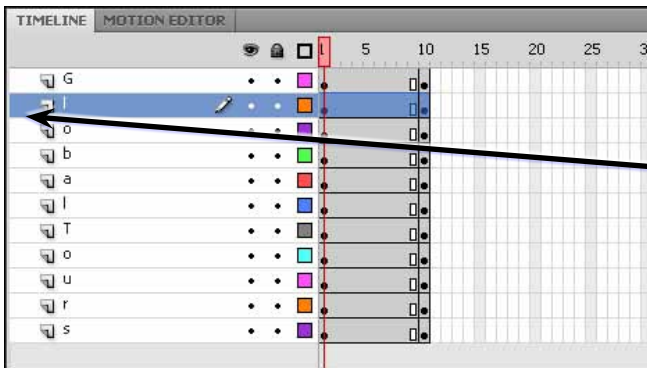


2 Press the F6 key to insert the KEYFRAMES.

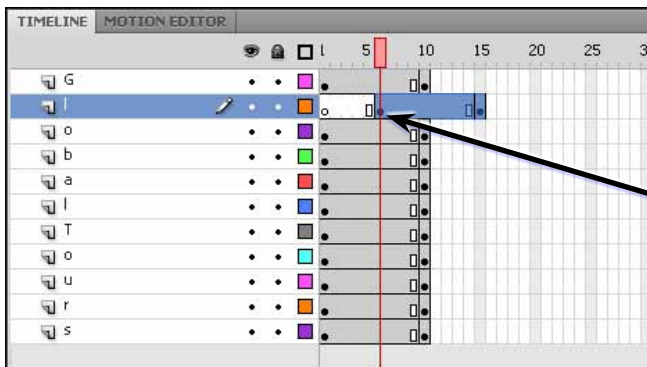
NOTE: KEYFRAMES should be added to FRAME 10 of each layer along with normal frames up to FRAME 10.

Animating the Letters

We want the G to come on the screen first followed by the L then the O, etc.



1 Click to the left of the first L layer icon (the second layer) to highlight all its frames.



2 Drag the KEYFRAME MARKER at FRAME 1 for the L layer to FRAME 6.

NOTE: All of the frames for the L layer should move to the right. This will cause the L to be placed on the stage 5 frames after the G.