

# Introduction to Photoshop Using Adobe CS6

## Lesson 1: Getting Started with Photoshop

Topics:

- What is Photoshop? Overview of its uses in graphic design, photography, and digital art.
- Interface overview: Toolbar, Menu Bar, Options Bar, Panels, and Canvas.
- Setting up your workspace: Customizing workspace layouts.
- Opening and saving files: File formats (e.g., PSD, JPEG, PNG).

Activity: Practice opening an image and saving it in a different format.

Quiz:

1. What is the default file format in Photoshop?
2. Name two panels you can find in the Photoshop workspace.
3. How can you save your work for further editing?

## Lesson 2: Basic Tools and Functions

Topics:

- Selection tools: Marquee, Lasso, Magic Wand.
- Basic editing tools: Crop, Move, Eyedropper.
- Drawing tools: Brush, Pencil, and Eraser.
- Understanding layers and the Layers Panel.

Activity: Use the selection tools to isolate an object in an image. Use the Eraser tool to modify part of an image.

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Quiz:

1. Which tool is used to pick colors from an image?
2. How do you create a new layer?
3. Name two types of selection tools.

### Lesson 3: Working with Layers

Topics:

- Adding, deleting, and organizing layers.
- Layer opacity and blending modes.
- Grouping and linking layers.
- Introduction to Layer Masks.

Activity: Create a design with at least three layers, adjusting opacity and blending modes for effect.

Quiz:

1. What is the benefit of using layers in Photoshop?
2. How do you apply a blending mode to a layer?
3. What does a Layer Mask do?

### Lesson 4: Image Adjustments

Topics:

- Adjusting brightness, contrast, and exposure.
- Using the Levels and Curves adjustments.
- Applying color corrections with Hue/Saturation and Color Balance.

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- Using the Clone Stamp and Healing Brush for retouching.

Activity: Edit an image to enhance brightness and correct colors. Use the Healing Brush to remove blemishes.

Quiz:

1. Which adjustment tool allows you to modify brightness and contrast?
2. How do you correct an image with too much yellow tone?
3. What is the Clone Stamp tool used for?

### Lesson 5: Text and Effects

Topics:

- Adding and formatting text.
- Applying Layer Styles (e.g., Drop Shadow, Stroke, Gradient Overlay).
- Using filters for creative effects (e.g., Blur, Sharpen, Distort).

Activity: Create a promotional poster with text and apply effects to enhance its design.

Quiz:

1. How do you add text to an image?
2. Name two Layer Styles you can use to enhance text.
3. What is the purpose of filters in Photoshop?

### Lesson 6: Exporting Your Work

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Topics:

- Saving for web and print.
- Understanding resolution and DPI.
- Export options: Save As vs Export As.

Activity: Export an image optimized for web use and another for print.

Quiz:

1. What resolution is best for web images?
2. How do you save a file for further editing?
3. What is the difference between "Save As" and "Export As"?

### Final Assessment

Project: Create a composite image combining multiple images, applying text, effects, and basic adjustments.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Proper use of layers.
- Effective use of selection tools.
- Creativity in design.