

## Playing with **TYPE** in **ILLUSTRATOR**

1- Open a new "Art board"

2- Type something..how about "Hello". You can change the color / stroke (*which means outline*) / font / size - on the top "attributes" bar.

3- Click on **Type** on the top menu bar and click on **Create Outlines** from the drop down menu.

4- Make sure you're on the **Direct Selection Tool - A**

5- Click somewhere else on the "art board" to deselect

6- Now you can pull pieces of the text around, to make abstract images. If you hold down the **shift** key, you can pull pieces out at exact angles.

7- You can also **add anchor points** to the text after you have selected **Create Outlines** in the **Type** menu bar.

8- Hold down the **Pen Tool** and select the **Add Anchor Point tool**. now you can put points on different parts of the letters that didn't have anchor points already.

### **You can type on a path.**

9- Select the **pen tool** and make a horizontal line. It can be curvy or straight. Click on the arrows above the "stroke/ fill" icon on the left hand side, this will allow you to change it into a line if it isn't already.

10- Then you can click on the **Type On Path Tool** in the **Type** tool bar and write along the path.

\* If a red plus sign (+) appears, that means that your font is too big to fit on the page. Change the size of your text.

11- There is also a **Vertical Type** . Make a vertical line with the pen tool and click on **Vertical Type on Path**.

12- You can type into a shape too. Make a shape either with the **Pen** tool or via the **Shapes tool** and click on **Area Type Tool**. You will be writing inside the shape, not along the perimeter.

13- Back to the regular Type tool. Type something in two lines. One sentence above the other. Go to **Windows** menu and click on **Type** and choose **Character**. A **Type Character** window will appear, most likely on the bottom right side of the screen. You can move it around. If you highlight the two sentences, and click on the arrows in the **Type Character** window-- you can change the space between letters and the space between the two sentences.

14- Effects. Select your text with the **Selection Tool -V** and click on **Effects** on the top menu bar. Click on **3D**, then **Extrude and Bevel**. If you move around the cube and click on the **preview button** on the lower left, you can see how it effects your text. If you change the **stroke** color to something other than black, you'll be able to see your text better.

15- You can change the details of the effect by clicking on **Windows** in the top menu bar, clicking **Appearance**, and then when you click on the effect in the **Appearance** window, you will get a window with attributes to alter if you choose.

16- You can **select all**, and **copy** and **paste** your text into **Photoshop**. When you open **Photoshop** and click **paste**, it will ask you what format you'd like to paste it and you should select- **Smart Object**.