

Image Animation with Tweens



1. Create a 10-second animation of bananas dancing.

- Locate and save an image of a banana(s) to use.
- Begin a new document in Photoshop. Canvas size should be 8 wide by 6 tall.
- Add a gradient to the background. You choose the color scheme.
- Add text that reads, "Introducing Dancing Bananas" to the top of your canvas.
- Save as dancingbananas_lastname. (Save frequently)
- Open your banana in Photoshop and select the banana using a selection tool of your choice. Then copy and paste in place on your gradient background.
- Duplicate the banana by holding ALT key and drag to the side.
- To flip one of your bananas, choose Edit, Transform and Flip Horizontal. This gives the appearance they are dancing together.
- Turn on the frame animation.
- Move the bananas off the frame by selecting each in the layer at the right and move them off of the page.
- Duplicate frame and now move the bananas to the center page. (like they just walked on stage)
- Click the tween to create frames between.
- Duplicate frames and move each banana to make it appear as if it is dancing. You will need to do this many times to get a 10 second animation.
- Adjust the speed controls throughout.
- When you get to the end have the bananas leave the stage and tween to get them off.
- Save as a PSD and Save for Web to create the animated GIF. Copy the GIF in your To Be Graded folder.

2. Create an animation of a rocket blasting off.

- Locate and save an image of a rocket to use.
- Begin a new document in Photoshop. Canvas size should be 8 wide by 8 tall.
- Add a gradient to the background. Give it a sky background gradient
- Save as Rocket_lastname. Don't forget to save frequently.
- Open the rocket image in Photoshop and use the selection tools to select, copy and paste into the background canvas.
- Rotate and move rocket to lower right of screen (if have fire, leave it off the canvas).
- Using your text tool type the 5 to start off countdown – you choose font, color and add at least one layer style.
- Using the ALT key duplicate this 4 other times and change the numbers to countdown 5 4 3 2 1.
- Make one more copy and change the number to "Blast Off".
- You will want to use the opacity so that not all numbers are on the screen at the same time. (Stack them on top of each other and change the opacity of 4, 3, 2, 1 & blast off to 0 so you cannot see them.
- Create frame animation and duplicate frames. As you duplicate frames you will adjust the opacity to all your countdown numbers so that only one is visible at once and count's down.
- When get to blast off, you will need to move the rocket off the page and choose tween to fill in the frames.
- Save as a PSD and Save for Web to create the animated GIF. Copy the GIF in your To Be Graded folder.