

Graphic Design 2 S1

Typography: The Anatomy of a Letter

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Cell Phone?

I'm having people over to stare at their phones later if you want to come by...



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CLO - SWBAT...Analyze how the application of visual art elements and principles of design communicate and express ideas by creating a typographic-based composition illustrating the mood/idea of a visual word. Learning/Using Adobe Illustrator, students will manipulate type to support the project parameters.

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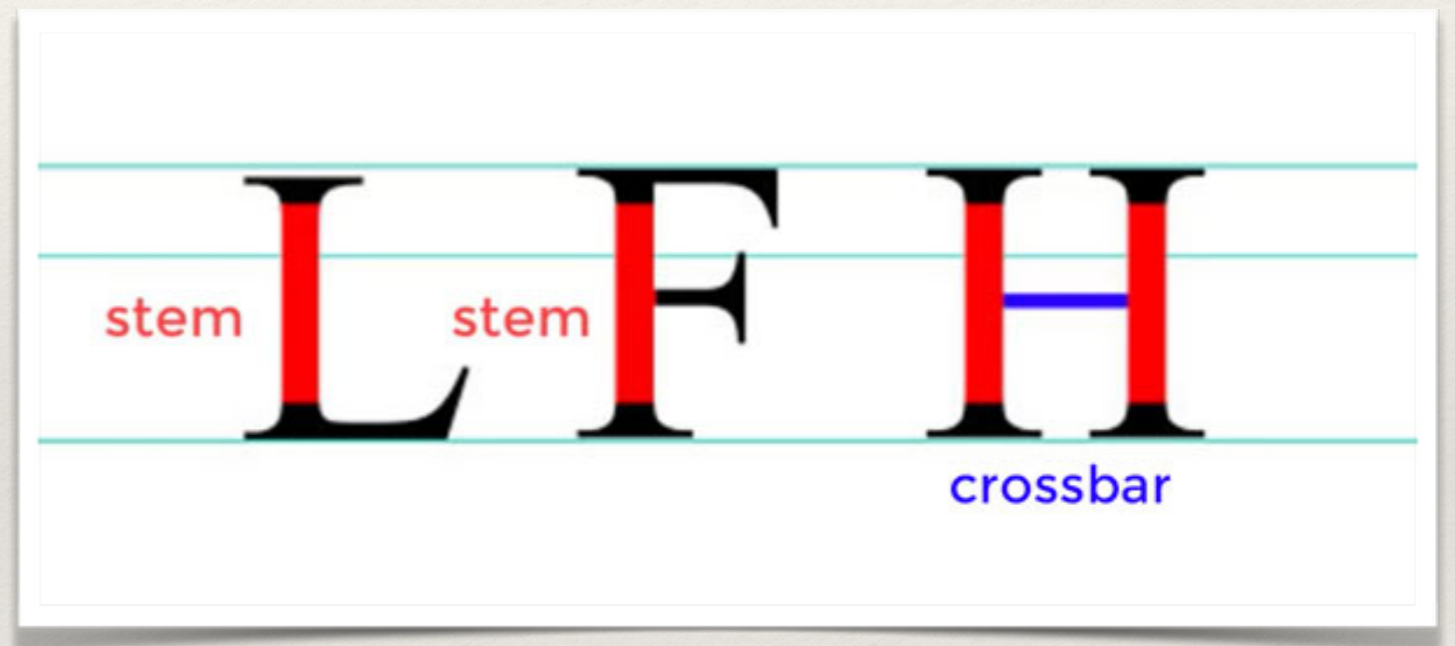
The Anatomy of a Letter

- ❖ **Baseline** = The invisible line letters rest on.



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- ❖ **Stem** = A single vertical stroke upwards to create letters like L or F. Connect one stem to another using a **crossbar** detail, like the letter H.



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- ❖ **Ascender/Descender** = Letters with downward strokes that extend past the baseline have **Descender** strokes. Alternatively, if the stroke moves upward and away from the main body of the letter, we call that the **Ascender** stroke.



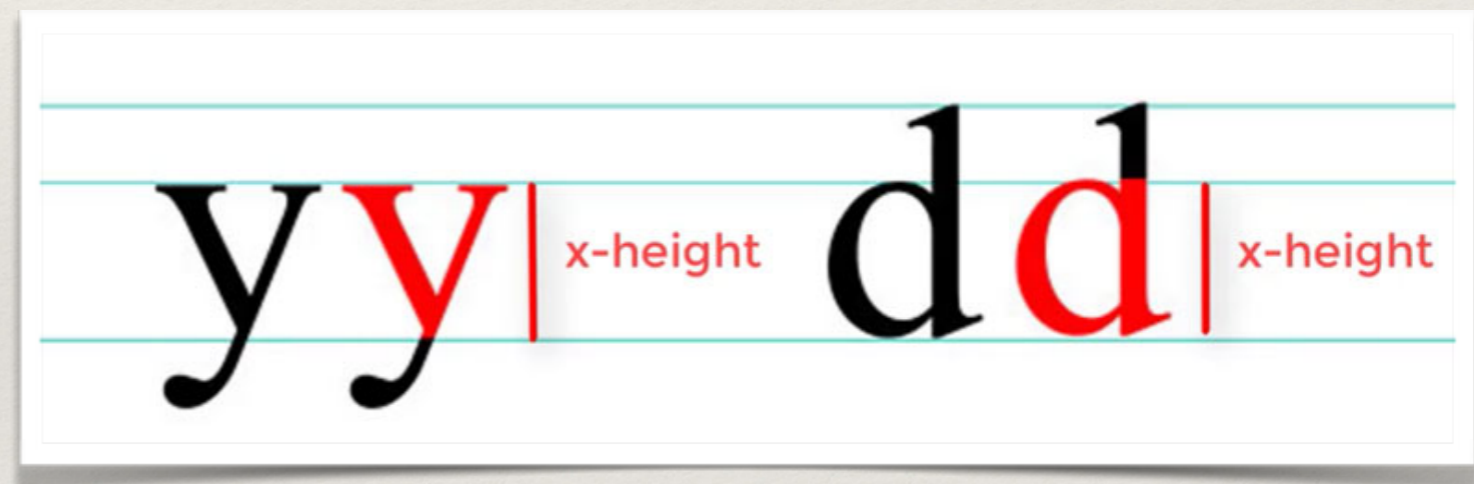
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- ❖ **Upper/Lowercase Letters =**
Uppercase letters are capital letters. Lowercase letters are smaller ones. Use uppercase letters for names and places, and lowercase letters for casual settings and more readability.



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- ❖ **X-Height** = For lowercase letters, the **X-height** is the main body of the letter.



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- ❖ **Ear and Shoulder = An Ear** is a decorative detail that pokes out from letters like g. A **Shoulder** is a bumped curve seen in letters like m and n.



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Let's Play with Letters!

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