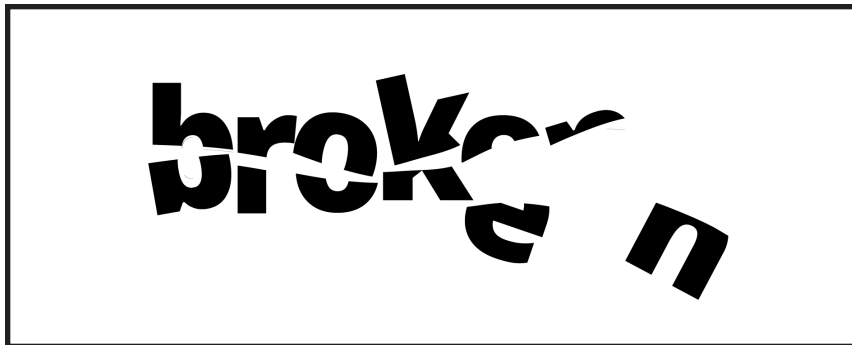
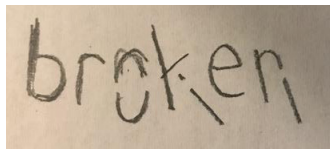
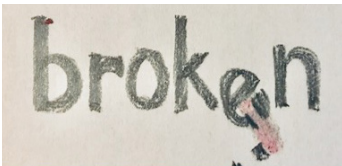


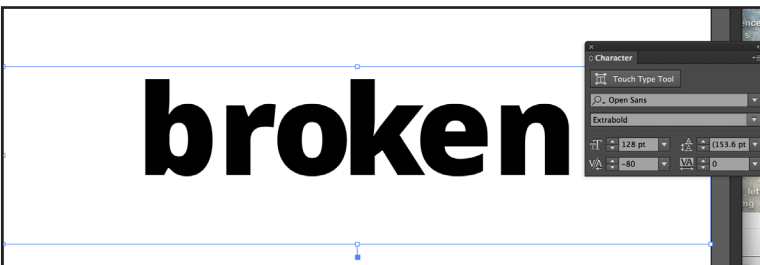
How to USE the PATHFINDER - DIVIDE in Illustrator

Sometimes to further create expression, we need to manipulate type. This example shows how to divide the letters into smaller pieces



In Illustrator
Create a new document
Go to **FILE> NEW**

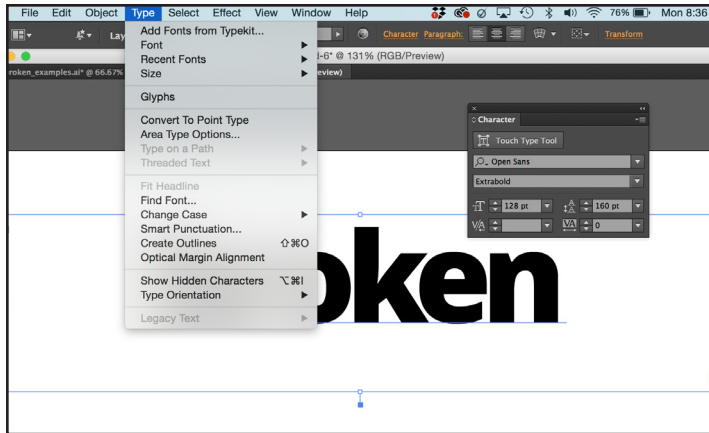
Interpret your sketch.



Manipulate **tracking and kerning** as necessary



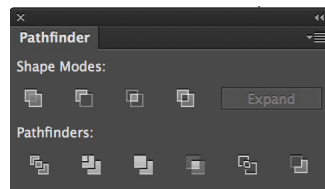
This example shows tight tracking and kerning.
Keep manipulating until right.



Once **FINISHED**, then go to **TYPE** and **CREATE OUTLINES**



Now rather than a typeface **this is an image**



Go to **WINDOWS> PATHFINDER**



On this example, I used the paintbrush.
Made a horizontal line over the entire text.

Then selected everything (line and the text/image under it). Went to **PATHFINDER> DIVIDE**

There are other tools on the pathfinder to divide or unite shapes. Experiment with others.



The text image got divided into pieces. With the **DIRECT SELECTION tool** (the white arrow), you can now separate individual pieces. You can move them and rotate them.

InDesign has a **PATHFINDER** too, but slightly different. This is a stronger tool in Illustrator.