

# FIX PHOTOS FAST



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ACTIONS



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## Actions: Fix Photos Fast! Pre-Class Videos

### Shortcuts for Layer Opacity

This is Linda Sattgast with Shortcuts for Layer Opacity.

Let's say I have a photo that needs a bit of contrast. One way to add contrast is to duplicate the layer and change the blend mode.

- Press Ctrl J (Mac: Cmd J) to duplicate the layer.
- Change the blend mode at the top of the Layers panel from Normal to Soft Light.

More often than not, the effect will be too much, so I'll need to lower the opacity of this layer. One way to quickly change opacity is to click and drag on the word Opacity. Dragging to the left reduces the opacity. Dragging to the right increases opacity.

Another way to change opacity is to use keyboard shortcuts.

- Press 5 to get 50% opacity.
- Press 2 to get 20% opacity.
- Press 0 to get 100% opacity.
- If you press two numbers in quick succession, such as 5 and 7, you'll get 57%.
- 0 and 8 will give you 8%.
- I'll press 5 to give this photo a 50% opacity.

**One caveat:** This shortcut only works if you have a tool selected that does NOT have an opacity setting in Tool Options. For example, the Brush tool has an Opacity option, so, if your Brush is selected as the active tool, using these keyboard shortcuts will only change the Brush opacity.

Since many tools have brushes and opacity settings, it's best to simply choose the Move tool before using the keyboard shortcuts. Press the letter V to quickly access the Move tool, and then use the keyboard opacity shortcuts to your heart's content!