Links Within a Page and Hotspots

Some other types of links that are used within web sites are Links Within a Page and Hotspots. Links within a page (called Anchor Points in earlier versions of DreamWeaver) allow the user to move to sections of the page that are not visible on the screen. Hotspots allow you to assign areas of an image or page that can be set to a link.
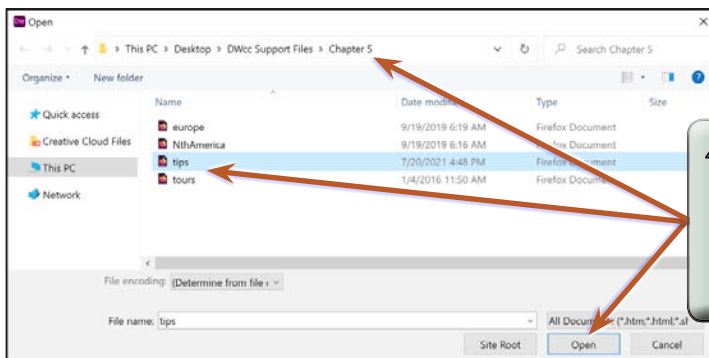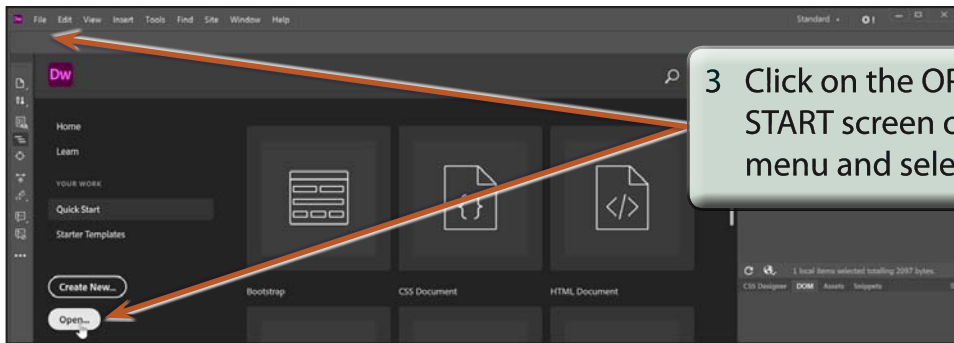
Links Within a Page

There are times when you may have a long page of text and/or images that won't fit on the screen. You can provide links within the page so that the user can quickly skip from section to section. This is achieved by setting IDs (identifiers) at appropriate points then setting links to those points.

A page with two screens of text has been prepared for you. It needs links inserted.

A   Loading the Prepared Page

1   Load DreamWeaver or close the current pages.

2   Set the FILES panel to your TRAVELWISE site.

3   Click on the OPEN button in the START screen or display the FILE menu and select OPEN.

4   Access the DWcc SUPPORT FILES, open the CHAPTER 5 folder and open the TIPS.HTML page. It provides tips for touring Britain.

5   Use SAVE AS from the FILE menu to save the page in your TRAVELWISE folder under the same name (TIPS.HTML). Select NO if an UPDATE LINKS message appears.

6   The STYLES.CSS file needs to be attached to the page so that styles can be applied to the text when needed.
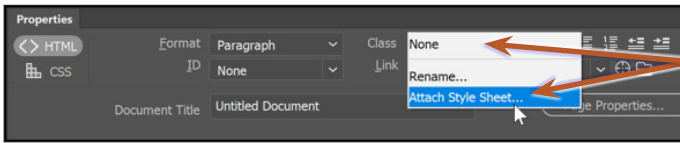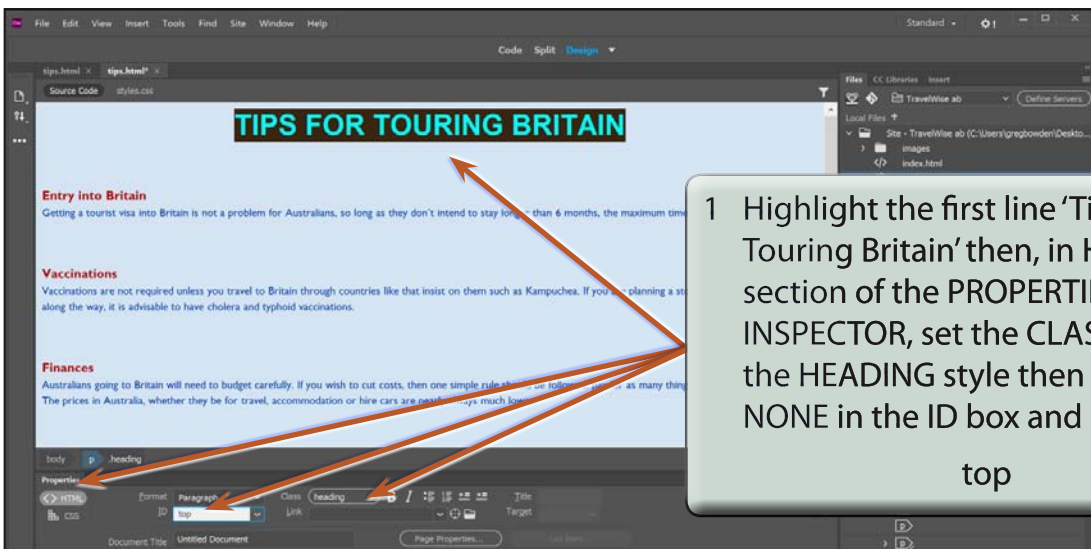

7 In the HTML section of the PROPERTIES INSPECTOR click on the CLASS box arrow and select ATTACH STYLE SHEET.
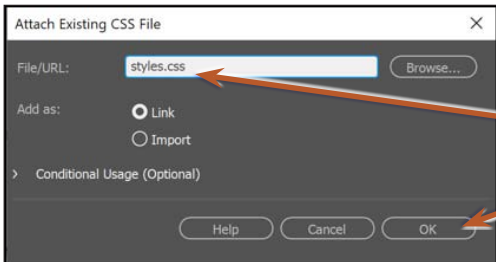

8 In the FILE/URL box enter:

styles.css

or use the BROWSE button to select the file from your TRAVELWISE folder, then select OK.
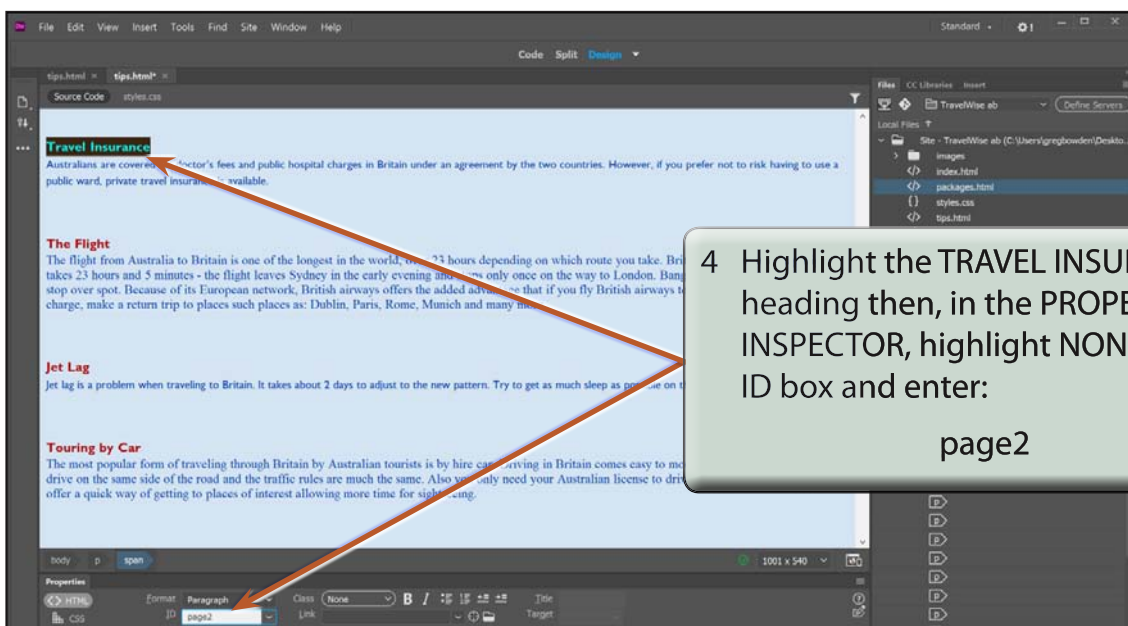
B   Setting the ID Links

Users need to be able to jump from one section of the page to another. IDs (identifiers) need to be placed at significant points to allow this to occur. You need to think carefully where you place these points, remembering that not all internet users have the same sized screens. Spaces can be added to the document to make the sections more clearly defined.

1 Highlight the first line 'Tips for Touring Britain' then, in HTML section of the PROPERTIES INSPECTOR, set the CLASS box to the HEADING style then highlight NONE in the ID box and enter:

top

2 Position the cursor at the blank line just above the TRAVEL INSURANCE sub-heading.
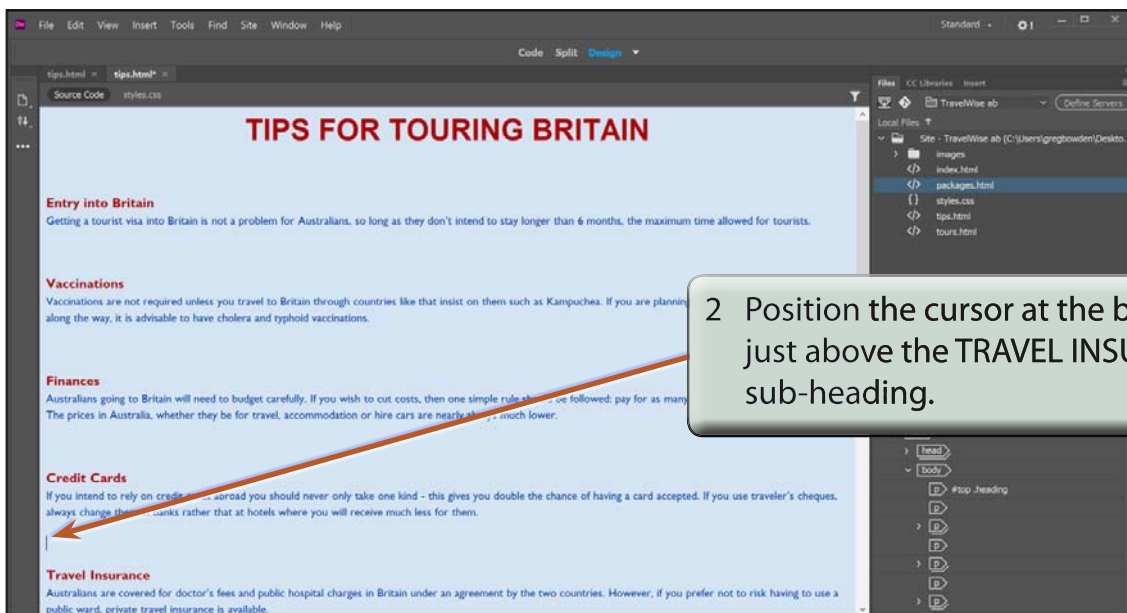
3 Press the <enter> or <return> key about 12 times to add some blank lines. This will significantly separate screen 1 from screen 2.

4 Highlight the TRAVEL INSURANCE heading then, in the PROPERTIES INSPECTOR, highlight NONE in the ID box and enter:

page2

NOTE: The link ID must be one word. If you want to use more than one word, connect the words with the _ symbol.

C Setting the Links

Links can now be provided to the ID points.

1 Scroll back to the base of the CREDIT CARDS paragraph and position the cursor at the first blank line after it.

2 Enter the text:

Next Screen

and highlight the words.

3 In the PROPERTIES INSPECTOR set the FORMAT box to HEADING 5 and, in the LINK box, enter:

#page2

then press <enter> or <return>.