How to adjust the brightness/contrast of a photo in Adobe Photoshop CS5

**Subject Descriptors:** Brightness, Contrast  
**Application (Version):** Adobe Photoshop CS5  
**Task Description:** How do I adjust the brightness/contrast of an image or photo?  
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Select Image > Adjustments > Brightness/Contrast

![Image of Adobe Photoshop CS3 Extended interface with adjustments menu open, highlighting 'Brightness/Contrast' option.](image-url)
Move the bars right and left to adjust your picture's brightness or contrast.

With the preview box selected you will be able to preview your image as you make the adjustments.

Once all adjustments are made click "okay"
This is the before and after image. Before the adjustments and after the adjustments are made to the brightness and contrast.
"Auto Contrast" will let Photoshop automatically determine the settings for "Brightness" and "Contrast".