

Filming Tips

These are some tips that will help you to be more successful filming your movie:

General

Always keep the camera strap around your neck.

DO NOT EVER POINT THE CAMERA AT THE SUN.

Use a tripod. If there is no tripod available lean against a wall, pole, or tree. If none, film with two hands with your elbows tucked to your sides.

Film five seconds before and after what you are filming, to make it easier to edit.

Sound

Use a microphone (about two inches from your mouth).

Film at a location where there is no background noise.

Use the “wind screen” setting when filming outside.

Keep all sound at the same level.

Lighting

Do not film in the shade.

Use an extra light to film inside.

You can use an overhead projector as a light source, if needed.

Make sure the light is in front of person, not behind them.

Never film in partial light, partial shade!

Film about ten seconds, then look at it to see if the lighting is good. (Check the sound too.)

When you are being filmed

Practice your lines out loud before filming.

Speak slowly and clearly.

Don't read off of a paper.

Use cue cards.