

How to shoot a good video?



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- **Plan your video** in advance: What you want to say? Who will talk about what? What is the best time of a day to record the shoot? What is the best composition for your shoot?
- Always **focus on your subject**. When someone talks, make sure you focus on their eyes.
- Make sure there is **enough light** in the scene. Avoid a window or light source behind your subject.
- Check that the **sound is clear and understandable**. Get your microphone close to subject. Talk louder and slower than in a regular conversation. Avoid recording near traffic and on windy days.
- When recording, hold your phone in **both hands or on a tripod** to avoid the shaky camera.
- It is always better to come closer than to zoom. Don't use digital zoom.
- **Clean your lens** before recording.
- Put your phone in an **airplane mode** to avoid unnecessary noise.
- **Practice** with your equipment in advance.
- Record the same video several times and then choose the best version. **Do not be afraid to repeat recording** if something went wrong.

Watch a Young Reporters for Environment tutorial on How to produce a good movie:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bTT_TZpeNCw&feature=emb_logo