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STUDENT REPORTING LABS

SRL Audio Video Tutorial Assessment, Episode 1: Mic Check 1, 2

1. In your own words, explain the importance of external

2. Which of the following is NOT a common type of mic:

- a. lavalier b. shotgun c. stick d. parabolic e. handheld

3. When using a small mic that attaches to your interview subject, where should you place the mic and why?

4. **True or False:** A microphone cord that hangs loose can be distracting in your shot.

True

False

5. In your own words, why is a shotgun mic also known as a directional mic?

6. A shotgun mic can capture the best sound when it is pointed directly at a source up to:

- a. 1 to 2 feet away from it

- b. 5 to 8 feet away from it
- c. 8 to 10 feet away from it

7. What type of professions commonly use a handheld mic (name three)?

8. If you are a reporter using a handheld mic, you should ALWAYS hand over the mic to your subject so they can feel more comfortable.

True

False

9. What format should journalists record in order to produce the best quality sound?
a. .WAV b. .MP3 c. .WAV& d. a shoulder away

10. Write the full names of each mic pictured below.



a. _____



b. _____



c. _____