

FILMING AN INTERVIEW

Go Out and Film Someone



Objectives (Students will learn how to):

- Prepare open-ended interview questions
- Facilitate a conversational interview tone with a subject
- Scout and set up an aesthetically pleasing interview shot
- Properly mic interview subjects and listen to live audio for potential adjustments

Part 1: Find your subject

For this assignment, you will conduct a video interview with someone about one of their favorite hobbies. Begin by determining who you would like to interview, then come up with 10 open-ended questions to ask them. Write these down in the space below.

Interviewee's Name and Hobby: _____

Interview Questions to Ask
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Part 2: Plan out your interview

Once you have decided on your subject and prepared the questions you are going to ask them, determine an appropriate location to conduct the interview. Then, think through and respond to the corresponding questions below.

Where are you going to conduct your interview?

What will the specific background behind your interview subject look like? How will you prevent your shot from becoming back-focused while filming?

Where will you position them within the shot, and which direction will they be facing?

What type of microphone do you plan to use to capture your subject's audio?

What external noise may be present there? How will you avoid capturing it?

What additional equipment will you need to bring with you?

What information will you need to go over with your subject prior to filming?

Part 3: Film your interview

After you've planned out your interview, go film it. Once you have collected all of the footage, upload the entire video file to a computer.

These files can be submitted to the instructor for grading, feedback, or as proof of participation in the activity.