

Google Vids

Overview

Google Vids is Google's online video editing tool, available with specific Google Workspace licences including any Education licences, meaning we have it at the University of York.

Google Vids has a range of features for creating and editing video content in a format similar to other Google tools like Google Slides. It also has a range of generative AI features, which are not part of the access we have.

This guidance sits alongside our [Media editing guide: Video pages](#), which cover how to create and edit videos in more depth. We recommend you look over those pages as well, as that covers more about video creation than just how to use Vids. If you need further help with video editing at the University of York, we run [regular training sessions](#) or you can [contact IT Support](#).

Limitations

Vids currently has a [limit of 10 minutes per video](#), though you can edit longer videos (up to 35 minutes and 4GB) to be under 10 minutes before doing anything else to them.

Currently, Vids can only create videos in landscape (horizontal).

Google has a [page on all of the relevant limits on Google Vids](#) currently (this may change, so check that page for the most up to date information).

Note: Education versions of Google Workspace **do not give access to the full generative AI features of Google Vids** (including Help me create), which require a paid-for Gemini licence as well. Google has [details of which generative AI features are not available if you just have Education Plus](#).

How to access Google Vids

You can access Google Vids by one of two ways:

- Opening [Google Drive](#) and going to **New > Google Vids**

- Opening the 9 dots launcher icon in any Google Workspace app and scrolling down to **Vids**.
- Going to the [Vids homepage](#) and choosing **Sign In**

Note: You must be signed in to your University of York Google account to access Google Vids.

How to use Google Vids

Google has a range of useful support pages on the features of Google Vids. Remember that some features listed are not available for University of York users.

- [Get started with Google Vids](#)
 - When you first open Google Vids, you'll have options to start with a template, record something, upload media, or import a Google Slide deck. You can also click the cross icon in the top right corner to just enter the Google Vids editor and start adding media yourself.
- [Google Vids: Add content to a video](#)
 - You can upload your own media files to go into your video, record directly from Vids, or use stock media.
- [Google Vids: Customize a video](#)
 - You can animate media you've added using Google videos, control timings, and add transitions between scenes.
- [Index of Google Vids support pages](#)

Use of Google's stock media and images from the web

Google also has a specific support guide on [adding stock media and web images in Google Slides and Vids](#), which covers the usage policy for using Google's own stock media (images, audio, and video) in your creations.

Saving and exporting with Google Vids

If you've used video editing tools before, you'll be aware that typically when creating and editing a video, you will work on a 'project' file as you're building up your video and then will need to export a final version of that video that can be used outside of the application. Google Vids is no different.

- Google Vids saves the video you're working on as a Vids file, which sits on Google Drive. This is your 'project' file and is not the final version of the video that can be used in other contexts. You can share this file with others so you can work on it together, as with other Google apps.
- Once you have your video completed, you can create an MP4 file of your video that is either Exported to Google Drive or downloaded. This file can then be used in various ways, e.g. uploaded to YouTube or social media, submitted for an assessment, etc.

See Google's page on [Share & collaborate with Vids](#) for how to use these features.