



filming with a

# MOBILE PHONE

Videos are a great way to tell a story and engage with people online. Here are our top tips on how to get the best results with your phone.

## Check your phone

**Some mobile phones can run out of space.**

Check your phone before you start - is there enough space to record your video?



## The right position

Mobile phones have a wide-angle lens, which means they are great for shots of large things such as buildings.

If you want to film something smaller or further away, it is better to **move closer**, do not use the zoom.

## Keep your phone steady

Hold your phone **as steady as you can**. It helps to hold your phone close to your body, or you could lean on something.



## Get closer for better sound

If you are filming an interview, then it is best to be close to the interviewee. Close the windows and doors to make it **as quiet as you can**.



## Turn your phone

Remember to **turn your phone on its side** - this will help you to show more on screen, and it will also look better when you watch it on a TV or computer.

## Think about light

Mobile phones do not record well in low light. Try to record interviews in **well lit locations**, and make the most of any light from windows. For best results, try to keep the brightest light behind the camera, not in front of you.



## How high?

Try to hold your phone at the same height as your interviewee, so that they are **not looking up or down**.

## Take your time

**Do not rush** - make sure you are happy with your shot before you start recording. If you have time, why not try it again? It might even be better the second time!

## Sharing your video

Once you have filmed your video, you may want to **share it online**. YouTube, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter are great places to share video clips, but some of them limit how long a video can be. Also think about your viewers - how long will they watch for? **Up to 2 minutes is often best.**



### YouTube

Best for reaching a wide audience around the world. Your video can be any length.



### Facebook

Best for sharing with people you know. Videos can be up to 45 minutes long.



### Instagram and Twitter

Best for finding people with similar interests. Use hashtags so that people can find your video. A hashtag is # followed by a word, for example: #cats. Instagram videos can be up to 60 seconds long. Twitter videos can be up to 140 seconds long.

