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Making a video

Making a short video can be a fun and engaging group project and you can learn lots of different skills and knowledge.

People can take on different roles, such as writing, filming, presenting and interviewing, editing, and recording sounds and music.

You might want to make a video about a topic or issue that is important, to record an event, or to promote an organisation or a campaign.

Videos can include lots of different types of content such as presenting to camera, interviews, everyday events, drama and music.

It is useful to first plan what, how and where you are going to film – this is sometimes called ‘storyboarding’.

There are many types of video cameras – the quality will vary depending on the price.

Most video cameras have built in microphones for recording sound, though it may be useful to attach a microphone for better quality.

Many smartphones can also record video and sounds of good quality.

It can be useful to use a tripod when you want to keep the video camera steady.

You may need permission to film in certain locations.

If you are filming in a public space, you have to be careful not to include members of the public unless you get their permission.

Editing the video is an important process – deciding what to leave in and take out, and how the content is put together. Final edits often include only a small amount of what was filmed.

There are lots of different editing software available – some are free and may already be installed on your computer.

Most editing software also allow you to add text and graphics as well as additional sounds and music.