

Shooting Digital Film: Information Sheet

_____ Establishing Shot

This shot in filming sets up the setting of a scene. It is typically at the beginning of a movie or scene.

_____ Medium Shot

This shot in filming shows the subject(s) from the waist or knees up. It is used to show more body language and less specific detail.

_____ Close Up shot

This shot in filming tightly frames a person or object to show detail or emotion.

_____ Long Shot

This shot in filming shows the entire figure/object in relation to its surroundings. This is typically filmed "far" from the object.

_____ Tracking Shot

This shot in filming follows the action at a constant distance. The camera person moves as the subject moves, keeping the subject on screen at all times.

_____ Zoom Shot

This shot in filming is done by zooming in to isolate the subject or zooming out to show the subject in a wider context.

_____ Swish Pan Shot

This shot in filming moves the camera from one subject to another very quickly.

_____ High Angle Shot

This shot in filming has the camera located above the subject and films down on it. It is sometimes used to show which character is more powerful.

_____ Low Angle Shot

This shot in filming has the camera located below the subject and films up on it, usually from the knees up. It can also show the power of a character in a conversation.

_____ Reverse Angle Shot

This shot in filming switches between two or more subjects in a dialogue scene. It is shot from the other side of the subject.

_____ Arc Shot

This shot in filming has the camera moving around the object in a circular motion in order to show the image from more angles.

_____ Point of View Shot

This shot in filming shows the scene from a character's perspective. You see through the character's eyes.

_____ Head On Shot

This shot in filming happens when the action comes straight into the camera.

_____ Linking Shot

This shot in filming tells two stories by showing two different subjects in one shot.

_____ Insider Shot

This shot in filming takes place when the camera is placed inside an object. It gives a fresh perspective.

_____ Jaws Shot

This shot in filming happens by zooming in while moving the camera backwards. It is used to show shocking realization or for dramatic effect.

_____ Frisbee Shot

This shot in filming places a camera behind (or even attached to) an object that is being carried around