



Photography Simplified



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The Basics

1. Explore your camera settings.
2. Familiarise yourself with the lens and how it affects the image.
3. Natural light is best for taking photos. Whenever possible, shoot outdoors in daylight or near a bright window.
4. If indoors, use your flash.
5. Experiment with different angles to get the best shot.
6. Try shooting from different heights and perspectives.



Let there be light

Aperture, shutter speed and ISO.

Aperture is the size of the lens opening - measured in f-stops. A larger aperture (smaller f-stop number) allows more light to enter the sensor, while a smaller aperture (larger f-stop) lets in less. Shutter speed is the length of time the shutter is open and is measured in seconds. A faster shutter speed will freeze motion, while a slower shutter speed can blur movement. ISO is the sensitivity of the sensor to light and is measured in numbers. A higher ISO allows a faster shutter speed, but may add noise to the image.



Composition

Composition is the arrangement of elements in an image and is essential for creating impactful photos. Knowing how to compose a great shot will make your photos stand out. Some classic composition techniques to explore include the rule of thirds, leading lines, and framing. The rule of thirds is a way of breaking up an image into nine equal parts, with the subject of the photo placed along the lines or at the points where they intersect. Leading lines draw the viewer's eye to the main subject, while framing uses elements in the scene to draw attention to the subject.



Post-Processing

Post-processing is the process of editing your photos in software such as Adobe Lightroom, Photoshop, BeFunky etc. Post-processing can be used to make small adjustments to your photos, such as enhancing colours or sharpening details. It can also be used to make more dramatic changes, such as creating composite images or adding creative effects.

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