# Hints, tips and editing apps

**Make sure you:**

* Have sufficient data storage space on your device
* Have at least one video editing app on your phone and computer
* Clean you lens
* Shoot in the right orientation



* Be careful not to cover the microphone or lens with your fingers when filming.
* Don’t have a tripod? Don’t worry- you can be your own steady cam! Use both hands, hold your arms close to your body and rest your elbows on a table or your hips for a shake free shot.
* Don’t use the digital zoom within the video app- get closer to your subject.
* Double tap the screen to see the full frame.
* Tap the screen to focus (on some devices you can change the focal point whilst filming too)
* Change angles to keep the shots interesting
* If you have two smartphones- use one for video and one for audio:
* Use the voice memo/voice recording app on one phone and place it directly above/near the subject/s
* Clap at the start of the scene to help you match up the audio and footage when editing
* Be aware of the noise at your shoot location:
* External sounds like birds, air conditioners, lawn mowers can have a detrimental impact on your footage audio
* Wind can also be an issue- shoot a sample and see if the background noise is an issue
* If you’re shooting in a noisy location, consider your alternative audio options- for example, music, voiceover, narration.
* Make sure your subject is well lit:
* Use the sun when you can
* Position your camera near a large window or light source so your camera is capturing the light on the subject
* Avoid shooting your subject with lots of light behind them (unless you are going for a silhouette effect)
* Back-up your footage regularly to a computer if possible.
* Make sure at least two team members have a copy of the final file.

# Video editing apps and software

**Best video editing software for Android**

<http://www.techradar.com/news/the-best-free-video-editing-app-for-android>

*Source:TechRadar.com – December 2017*

**6 best free video editing apps for iPhone and iPad**

<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/best-free-video-editing-apps-ios/>

*Source: Makeuseof.com- December 2017*

**6 best free video editors**

*Lifewire.com ­­– December 2017*

<https://www.lifewire.com/best-free-video-editing-software-programs-4128924>

**Music**

Many video editing apps/software give users access to some stock, copyright free music.

*The advice provided above is general in nature and designed to assist students in getting started with their videos. It is not intended to be exhaustive or prescriptive.*

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