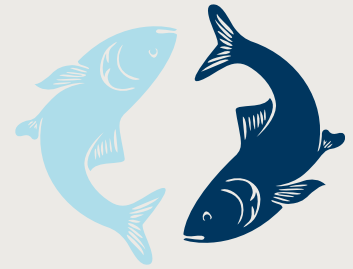


UNLOCKING FISH FUN

Activity Sheet A GUIDE TO FILMING

This activity sheet accompanies a matching video tutorial, use them individually or together to best suit you.



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You have probably seen lots of films and videos on the TV and the internet...but have you ever made your own?

This guide is about to show you how you can! The important thing to remember is that it's all just storytelling, and the best way to learn about film making is to have fun and experiment!

You will need:

- A smartphone or tablet
- An outline of the story you want to tell
- Props and costumes!

This is a short guide to filming things all in one shot. A one-shot film is a brilliant way of removing the complexity of editing and extra filming. Once you press the red button to stop the filming, it is finished and ready to share with your friends and family.



Getting started...

Plan your story and make your props.



Think about the **story** you want to tell in your film. Is it all laid out or will it be an improvisation? Will you retell a famous story or make up your own? Consider having a dress rehearsal and practice before filming.

How do you want your characters to look in the film? They could be puppets in a cardboard TV (see our other videos in this series for **fish puppets** and a **fish TV!**), or real people in the real world. It is up to you and all it takes is imagination!

Think about the **characters** that might be in your film. Do you have any friends or family that can get involved? What kinds of characters might they play? Will they be a hero or a villain in the story? What do your characters want and how do they relate to each other?

Think about what **props** you might need. Do you need costumes? (see our **fish costume** video for help this this!), run around your house and gather some interesting items that could inspire you!



Portrait
Like a phone



Ready to film!

When you are ready to film, here are 8 tips for using the filming function on a smartphone.

TIP 1

Think about the best way to hold the camera. Portrait or landscape - like a phone or like a TV?

Portrait is good if one person is talking, landscape is better for two or more characters.

Choose whichever is best for your story and stick with it, don't change your mind halfway through the film.



Landscape
Like a TV



TIP 2

That tricky zoom function...

Make sure that you are standing in the right place for the camera to see what is going on. If you can't fit it all in, take a step backwards. Avoid using the zoom function as it makes everything very wobbly!



TIP 3



Hold the camera still!

If you need to move, do it with care.
Don't make the viewer seasick!



Naughty gingerbread nut wants to be a film star!

TIP 4



Check the background!

Look at everything that the camera is seeing, if there is anything in the background that you don't want in the shot, remove it before you start filming.

TIP 5



Have a practice run!

By running through how you want things to work, you will find out what needs to happen when, as well as being able to work through any hiccups along the way.



TIP 6

Press record!

Once you press record, make sure the numbers are going up. It is very easy to do something brilliant only to find out later the camera was not recording – doh!

Once you see the numbers going up, clearly say that you are starting, for example shout 'ACTION'!

If you make a mistake, either start again or learn to like it.



TIP 7

Be prepared to problem solve!

Sometimes a particular shot can be very tricky. If after a few tries it still isn't working, think about trying a new approach. How could you do things differently?



Maybe try something completely different! Always make sure the camera is rolling when you try these out as you never know when it might work!





TIP 8

Most importantly - Have fun!



We hope that you, like Clem and Polly, have had fun making your own fish films at home. If you make one, we would love to see it.

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