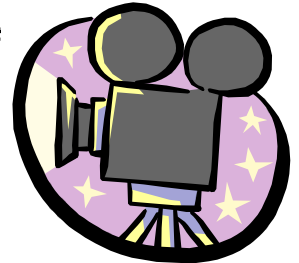


# FILM MAKING

You will work in groups to make a film. Your film will need to be about five minutes long, and can be about anything you choose. You can choose one of the ideas on the other sheet, or you could make up one of your own.

Whatever you decide to do, you will need to think about ALL of the following things before you start filming:



## **1. Planning**

Your film needs to be planned properly – you can't just start filming with the camera and expect everything to run smoothly. Make sure that you have thought about (and made notes about) everything on this sheet before you start to film.

## **2. Film Type**

The first thing to decide is "What will your film be about?" You will need to decide one of the types of film shown on the other side of this sheet (or you could even make up one of your own). Once you have decided this, you will need to think about the content.

## **3. Content**

Now that you've decided what type of film you are going to make, you need to choose what the content of the film is going to be. Use the questions for each film type to help you decide the content of your film.

## **4. Script**

Once you have decided the content, you will need to work together to write a script for your film. Try to make sure that all of the members of your group have an even chance of speaking. Once you have written and checked your script carefully, you can begin learning your lines and rehearsing.

## **5. Location**

Where will your film be set? Will you need to film inside the classroom, or outside in the playground? If you are filming outside, what will you do if the weather is not good? You could use pictures on the white board as a background if necessary.

## **6. Props**

Now that your script is written, you should see if you need any props for your film. You can use things in the classroom, but you might also need to make props.

## **7. Sound**

Will you need any sound effects or music in your film? How will you make these? You could bring in some CDs to play on the computer, or you could make the sounds using instruments / voices. You might also be able to find some sound effects on the computer / Internet..



## **9. Advertising**

Once you have made your film, you will need to advertise it. If you don't tell anyone about it, they won't come and see it! You will need to make posters to tell everyone how wonderful it is!

## **8. Titles and Credits**

All films have credits at the end, and titles at the beginning. How will you include these in your film? You could design your titles / credits on paper, or draw them on the whiteboard.

# TYPES OF FILM

Here are some different types of film which you might want to choose. When you have chosen, remember to think about the questions at the bottom of the page.

## COMEDY

You've been Framed, Friends

## ACTION

Buffy, Star Wars

## EDUCATIONAL

Art Attack, Smart

## SPORT

Match of the Day, Athletics

## ADVERTS

Products / Films / TV

## MUSIC

Top of the Pops, CD:UK

## GAME SHOWS

Who wants to be a Millionaire, 50:50

## NEWS AND WEATHER

Er... the news (and weather)!

## CHILDREN'S TV

The Simpsons, Tweenies

## PUPPETRY

Rosie and Jim, Bodger and Badger

## DRAMA

EastEnders, The Bill

## DOCUMENTARY

Nature, History Programs

***These are examples of each types of film / program.  
DO NOT simply copy a program and make another version of it.***

## Things to think about...

- \* How will you grab the attention of your audience?
- \* Who is your film intended for? (old people, children, boys, girls?)
- \* Will you include parts of existing films / programs in your own? (e.g. characters from stories)
- \* Will you be demonstrating / explaining things? (for educational programs)
- \* Will you make people laugh?

