

How to record a basic video interview with a smartphone

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Project Description: This tutorial will instruct learners how to setup a basic video interview and record it on their smartphone. It will include instructions using only a smartphone and also using a few accessories.

Duration: 4.5 minutes

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Duration:
3 Seconds

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0:03 Minutes

Video:
Medium shot (MS) of person
being interviewed

Audio:
You can record an interview
like this



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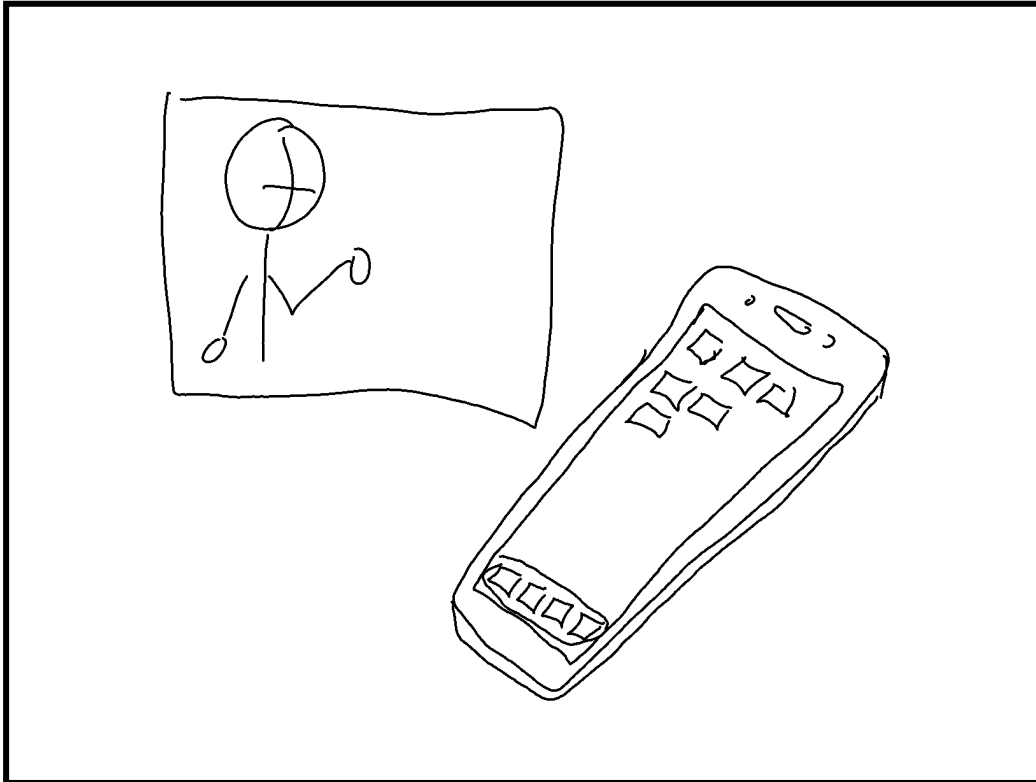
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Duration:
2 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
0:05 Minutes

Video:
MS of interview shrinks back to reveal close-up (CU) of smartphone

Audio:
on your smartphone.

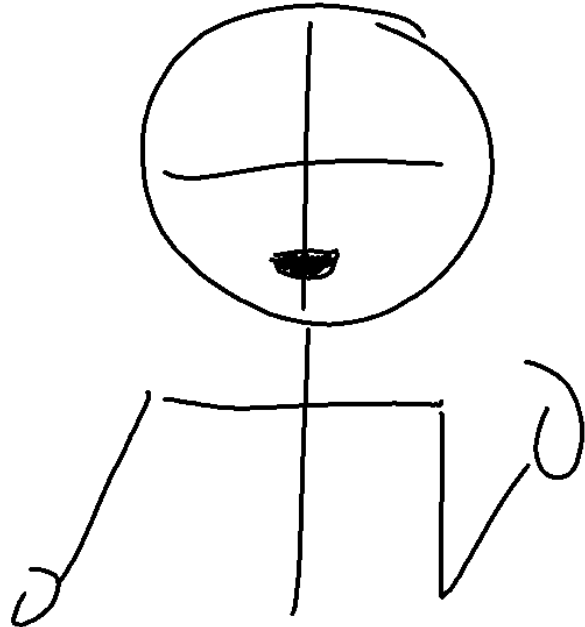


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3 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
0:08 Minutes

Video:
MS of instructor facing camera

Audio:
I'll show you the steps on



Duration:
6 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
0:14 Minutes

How to record a
basic video interview
with a smartphone

Video:
Graphic/On-screen text (GFX):
How to record a basic video
interview with a smartphone

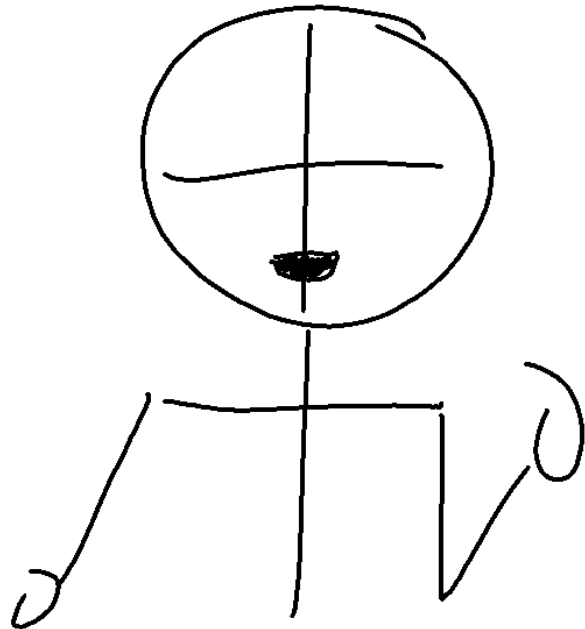
Audio:
Sound effects (SFX): Logo
element
how to record a basic video
interview with your
smartphone.

Duration:
7 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
0:21 Minutes

Video:
MS of instructor

Audio:
First, find a location that's
quiet and has good lighting.
Because video without light



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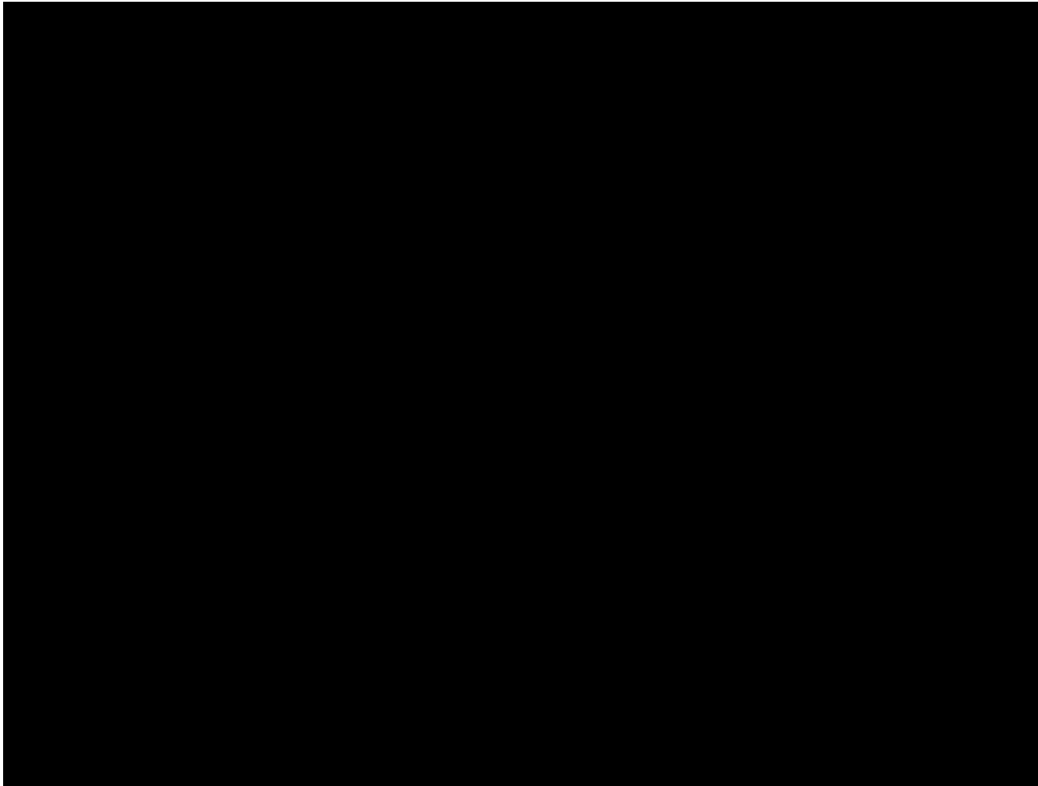
Duration:
2 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
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Video:
Black screen

Audio:
is radio.

SFX: Radio static



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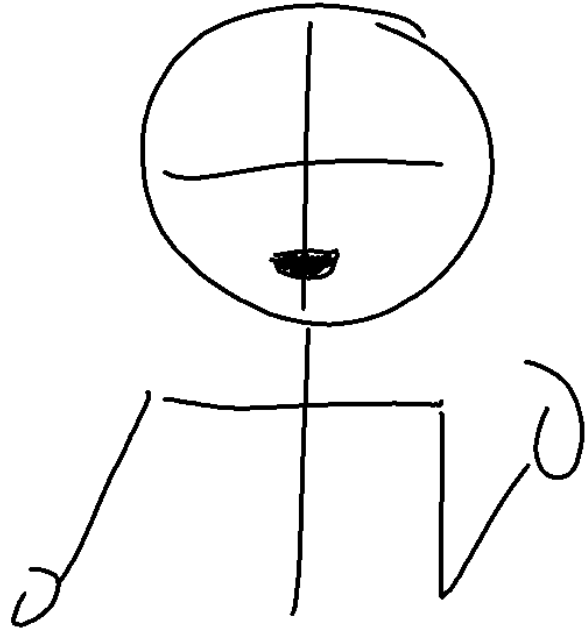
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Duration:
7 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
0:30 Minutes

Video:
MS of instructor

Audio: To keep things simple, find a window your interview subject can stand next to.



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Duration:
7 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
0:37 Minutes

Video:
MS of interview subject
standing next to window and
facing 45 degrees away from it

Audio:
Their face should be about 45
degrees away from the
window and if you can



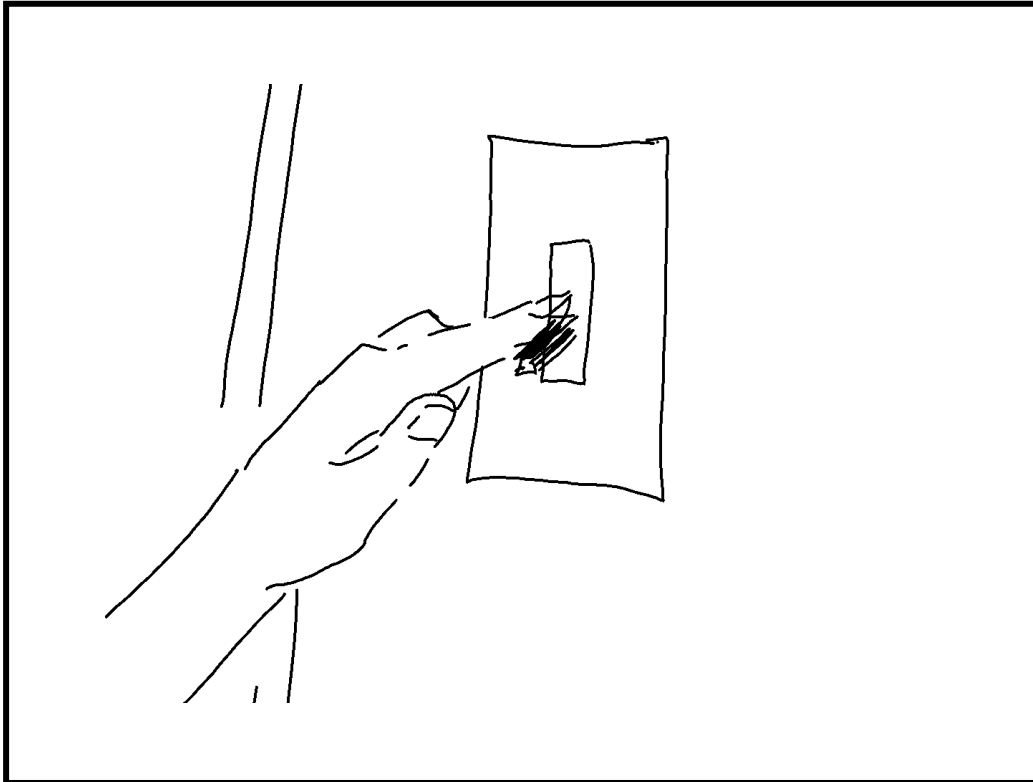
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3 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
0:40 Minutes

Video:
Close-up (CU) of finger flipping
off light switch

Audio:
turn off the overhead lights.

SFX: Light switch flipped off



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Duration:
2 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
0:42 Minutes

Video:
GFX: Question mark zooms
onto white screen

Audio:
SFX: Pop up
Why you ask?



Duration:
8 Seconds

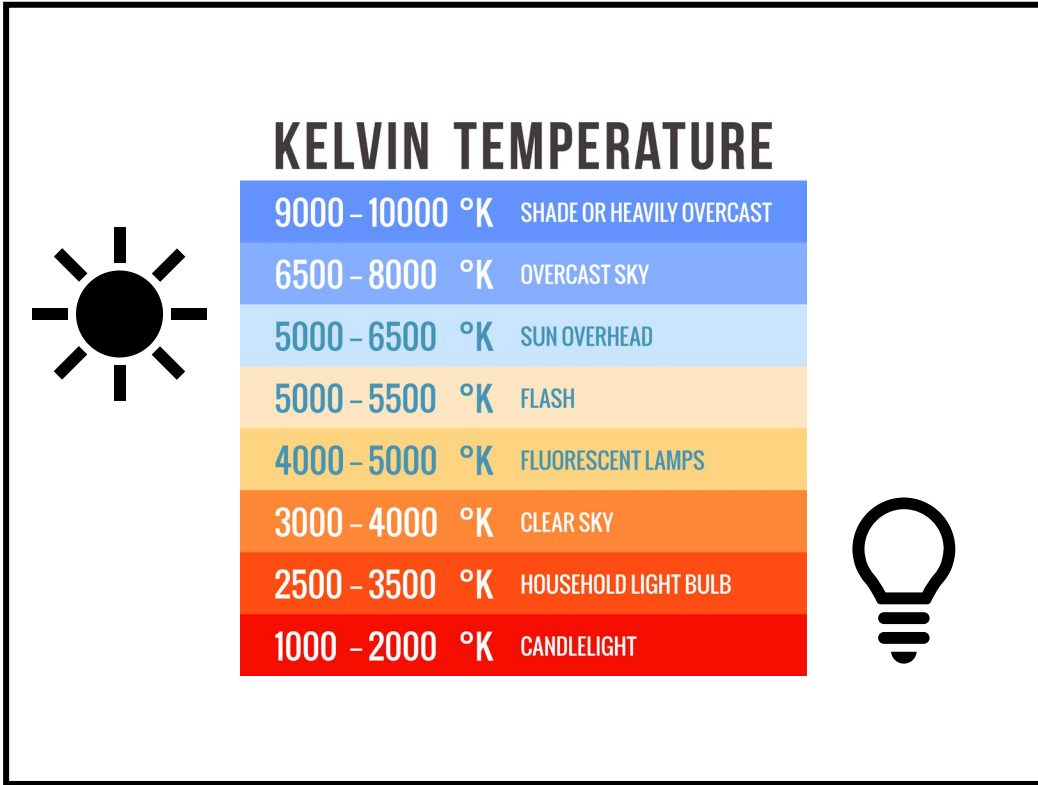
Total Elapsed Time:
0:50 Minutes

Video:

GFX: Adobe stock image of color temperature chart on white background. Icon of sun appears on left of chart. Icon of light bulb icon appears on right of chart.

Audio:

Outdoor lights and indoor lights are different color temperatures. Mixing them together can cause problems.



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Duration:
9 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
0:59 Minutes



Video:
Wide shot (WS) of interview subject next to window being offered a chair.

Audio:
You can have your subject sit or stand. Whatever is decided takes us to the next step.

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Duration:
5 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
1:04 Minutes

Video:

MS over the shoulder of person holding smartphone and adjusting height with interview subject in background

Audio:

Place the camera lens at the subject's eye level.

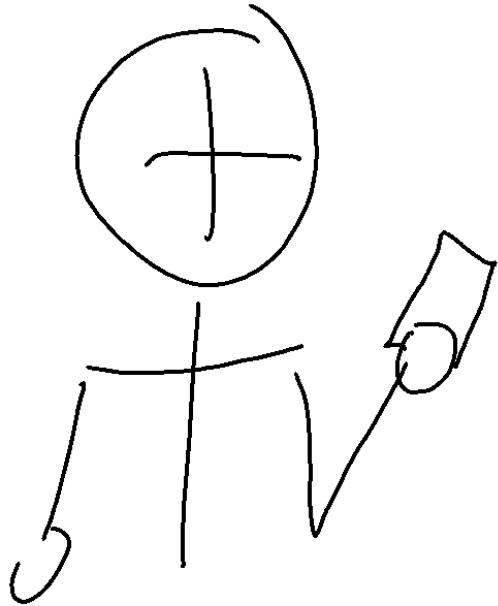


Duration:
5 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
1:09 Minutes

Video:
MS on instructor holding
smartphone

Audio:
You can hold the camera to
record with just your hands if
necessary.



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7 Seconds

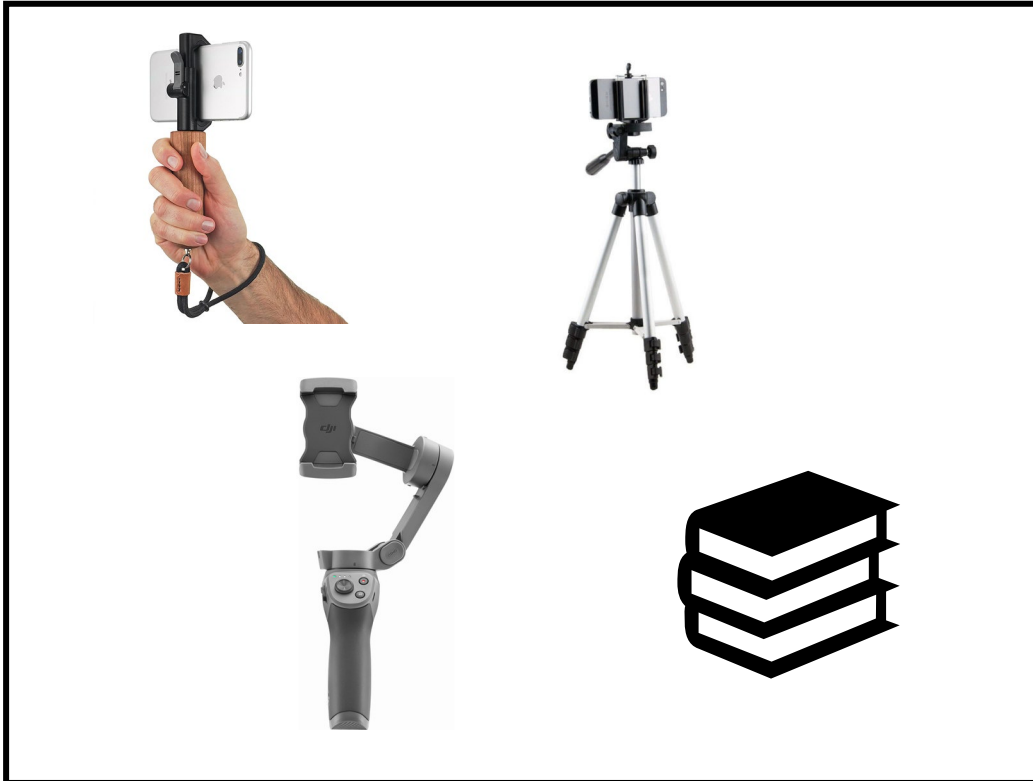
Total Elapsed Time:
1:16 Minutes

Video:

Images of hand-held grips, gimbals, tripods and stack of books appear on white background

Audio:

You can also use a handheld grip, gimbal, tripod, or a stack of books.



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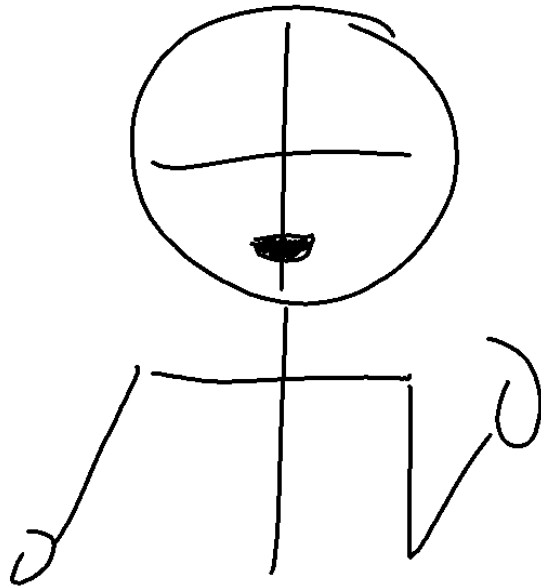
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Duration:
4 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
1:20 Minutes

Video:
MS of instructor facing camera

Audio:
I've even seen someone use a music stand and duct tape.

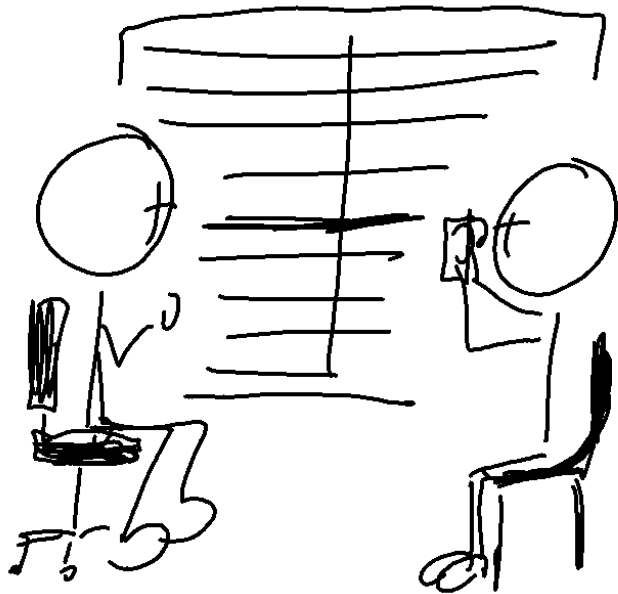


Duration:
5 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
1:25 Minutes

Video:
WS of interview subject and person holding camera at subject's eye level

Audio:
Just make sure the camera lens is at the subject's eye level.



Duration:
7 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
1:32 Minutes

Video:
MS of instructor facing camera holding smartphone with two hands and tucking elbows against body

Audio:
If you do hold your smartphone for the recording, tuck your elbows against your body to keep the camera steady.

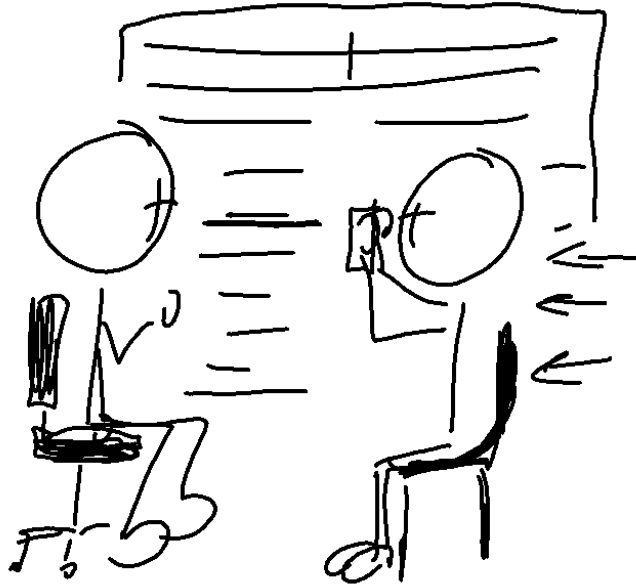


Duration:
7 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
1:39 Minutes

Video:
WS of person holding smartphone getting closer to interview subject

Audio:
You'll also want to get close to your subject if you're only using the microphone on your smartphone.

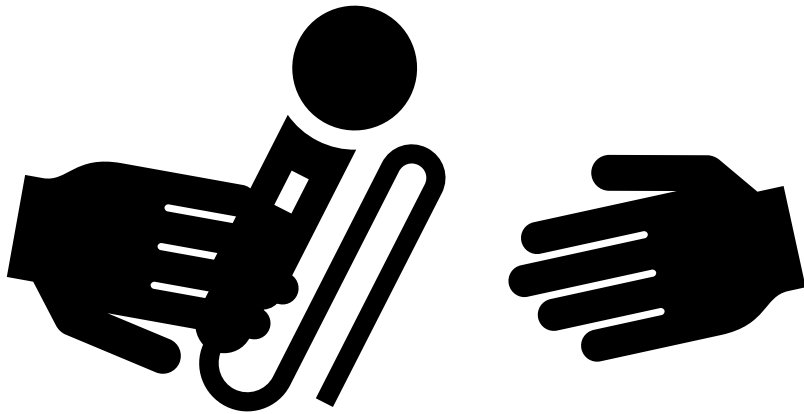


Duration:
5 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
1:44 Minutes

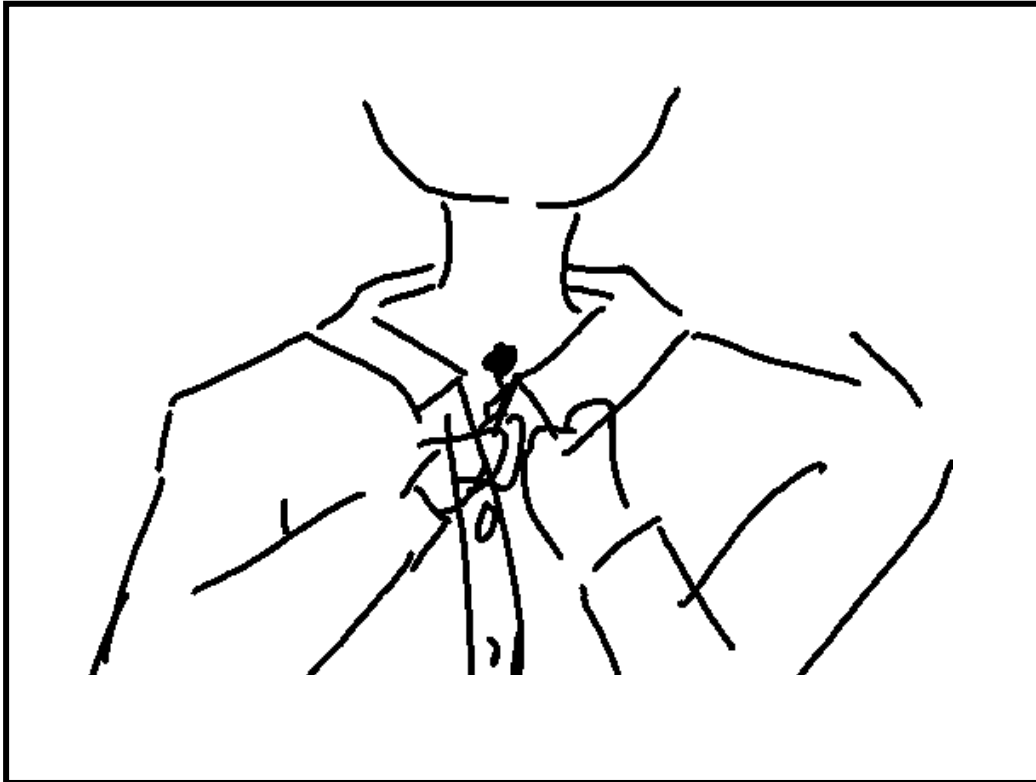
Video:
CU of hand offering handheld
microphone to another person

Audio:
If you have a microphone,
hand it to the interview subject
either to hold



Duration:
3 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
1:47 Minutes



Video:
CU of interview subject's hands receiving label microphone and pinning it to their collar.

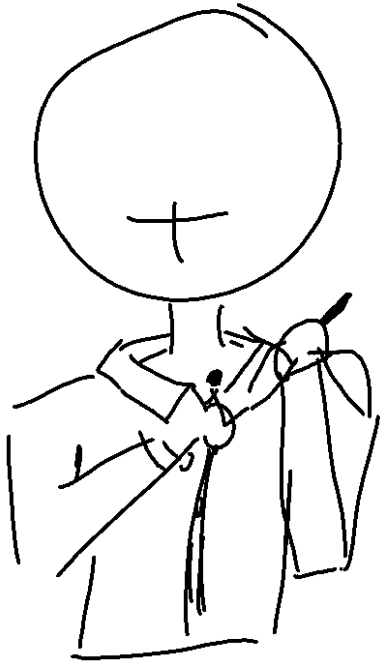
Audio:
or to attach to their collar or lapel.

Duration:
4 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
1:51 Minutes

Video:
MS of interview subject hiding
microphone cable

Audio:
Hide the cable as best you
can.

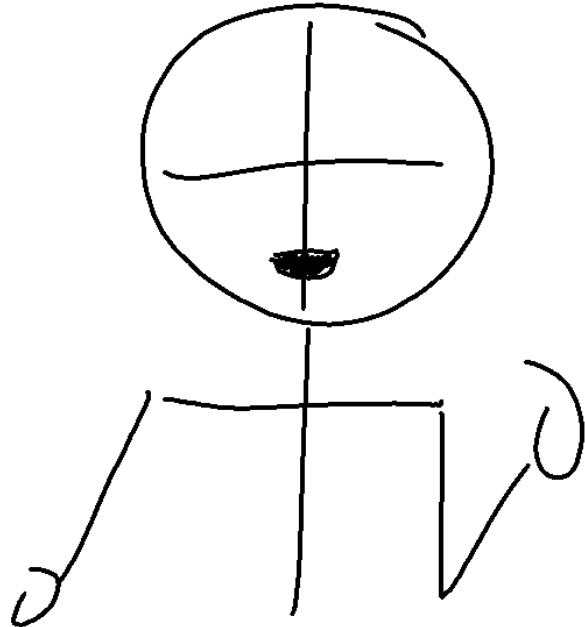


Duration:
5 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
1:56 Minutes

Video:
MS of instructor facing camera

Audio:
If you don't have a microphone and plan to record interviews regularly,



Duration:
4 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
2:00 Minutes

Video:
Photo of label microphone on
white background with text:
Estimated cost: \$20

Audio:
you can buy one online for
about 20 dollars.

**Estimated
Cost: \$20**

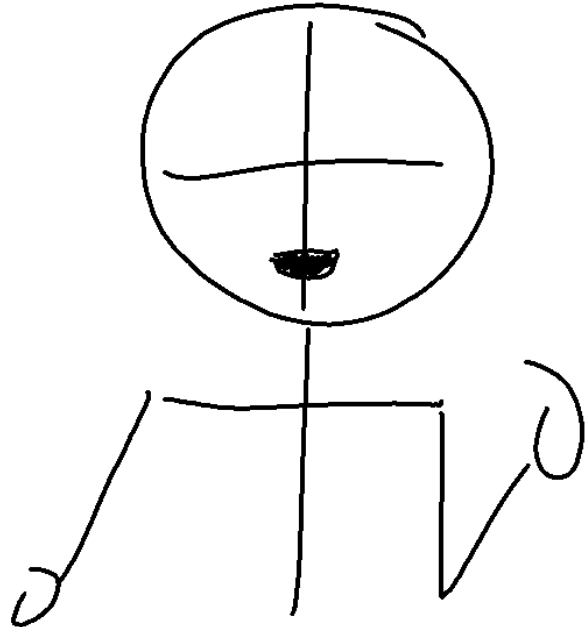


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3 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
2:03 Minutes

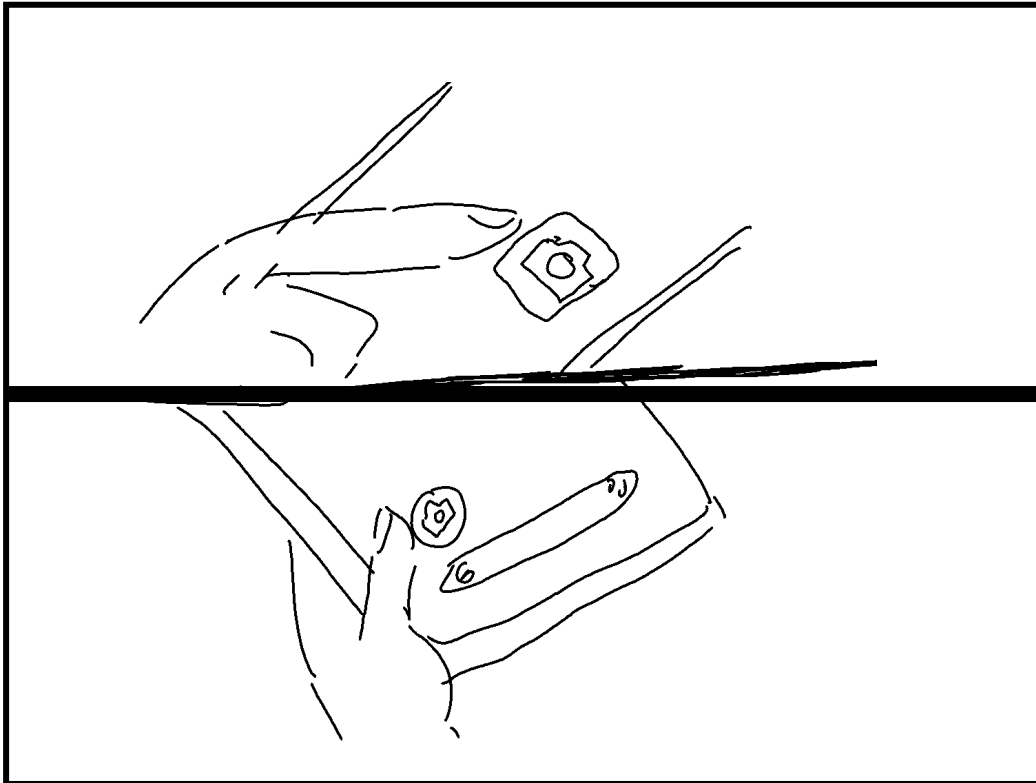
Video:
MS of instructor facing camera

Audio:
We have the general placement of the camera.



Duration:
5 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
2:08 Minutes



Video:
Split screen of a CU of opening camera app on an iOS device and opening camera app on Android and switching app to video mode

Audio:
Now open the camera app on your phone and switch to video mode.

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Duration:
2 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
2:10 Minutes

Video:
GFX: Important

Audio:
SFX: Metallic impact
Important note.

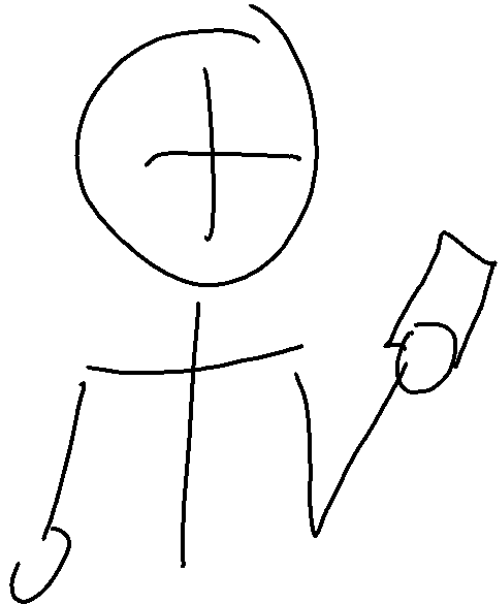
IMPORTANT

Duration:
9 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
2:19 Minutes

Video:
MS of instructor facing camera
and holding smartphone

Audio:
Unless you're recording for a
format specifically asking for
portrait mode, like Instagram
Stories, record in landscape
mode.



Duration:
3 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
2:22 Minutes

Video:
GFX: Set of cartoon eyes

Audio:
Your eyes see things like this.

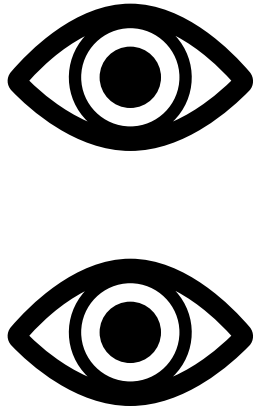


Duration:
3 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
2:25 Minutes

Video:
Image of one eye on top of another

Audio:
Not like this.
SFX: Cartoon buzzer



Duration:
6 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
2:31 Minutes

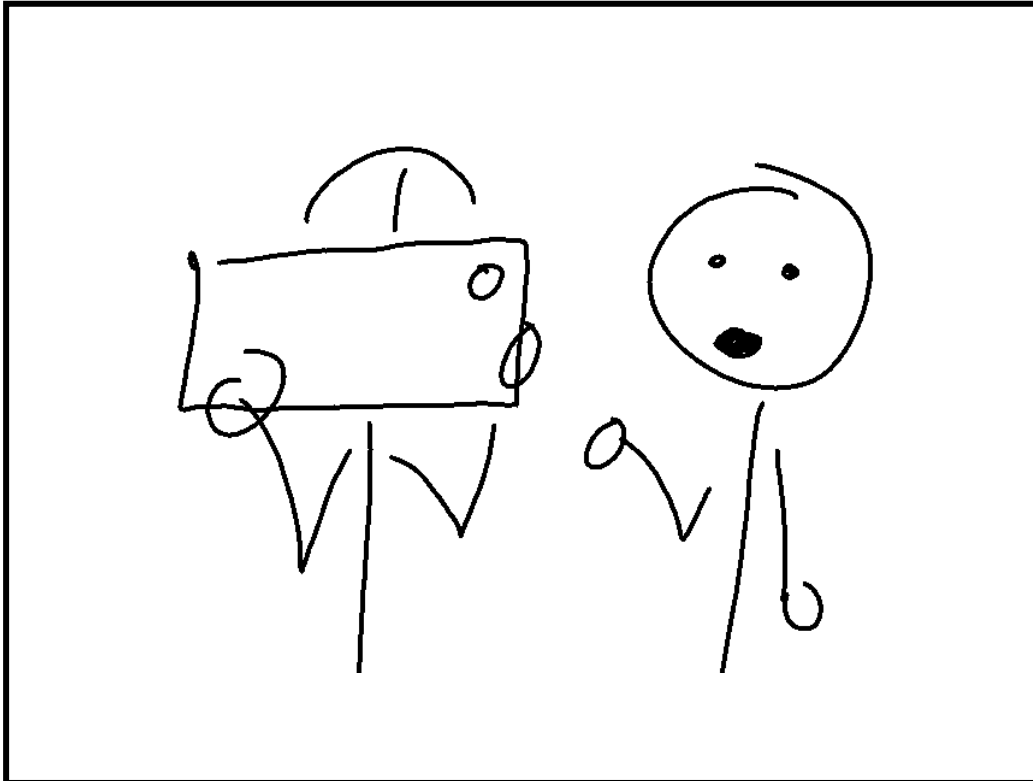
Video:
MS of interview subject looking slightly off camera

Audio:
You want the interview subject to look slightly off camera.



Duration:
9 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
2:40 Minutes



Video:
Medium shot of person next to camera person and eye level with the camera lens asking questions

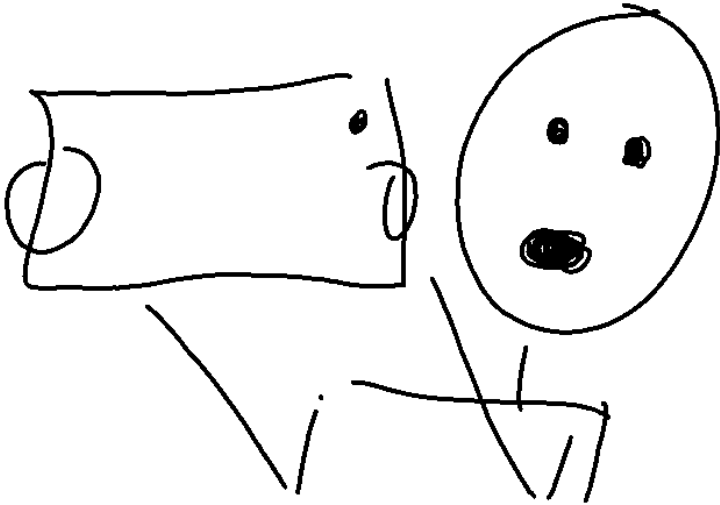
Audio:
So whoever will be asking questions to the interview subject should stand next to the camera and be at eye level with the lens.

Duration:
7 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
2:47 Minutes

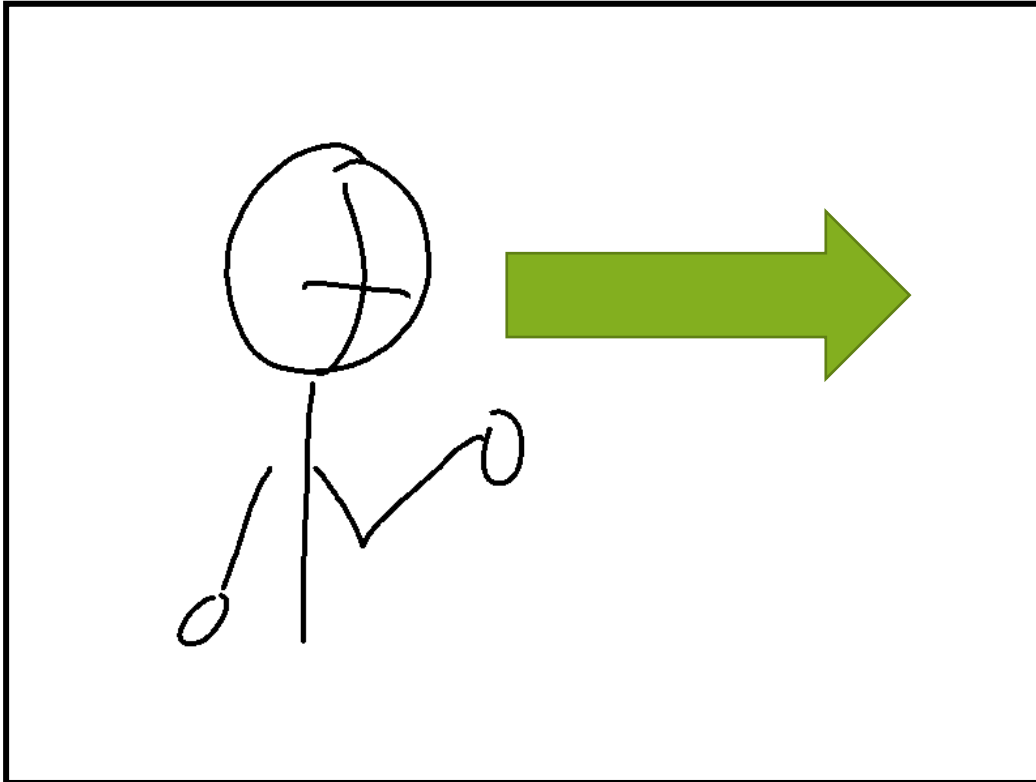
Video:
CU of person holding
smartphone and moving
themselves to the side of the
camera

Audio:
If you're recording and asking
questions, move your heads to
the side of the camera and
stay there.



Duration:
6 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
2:53 Minutes



Video:
MS of interview subject facing slightly off camera
GFX: Arrow showing space in front of person's face in the direction the subject is looking

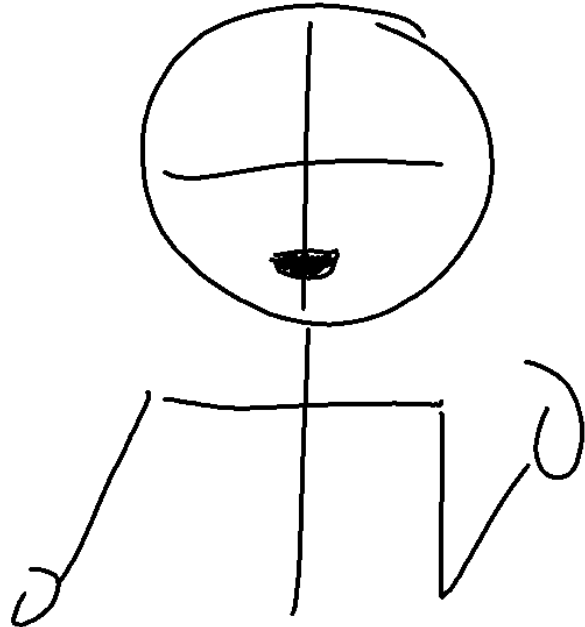
Audio:
You also want space in front of the subject in the direction they're looking.

Duration:
5 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
2:58 Minutes

Video:
MS of instructor looking at camera

Audio:
You now have light, sound, and the shot framed. Now

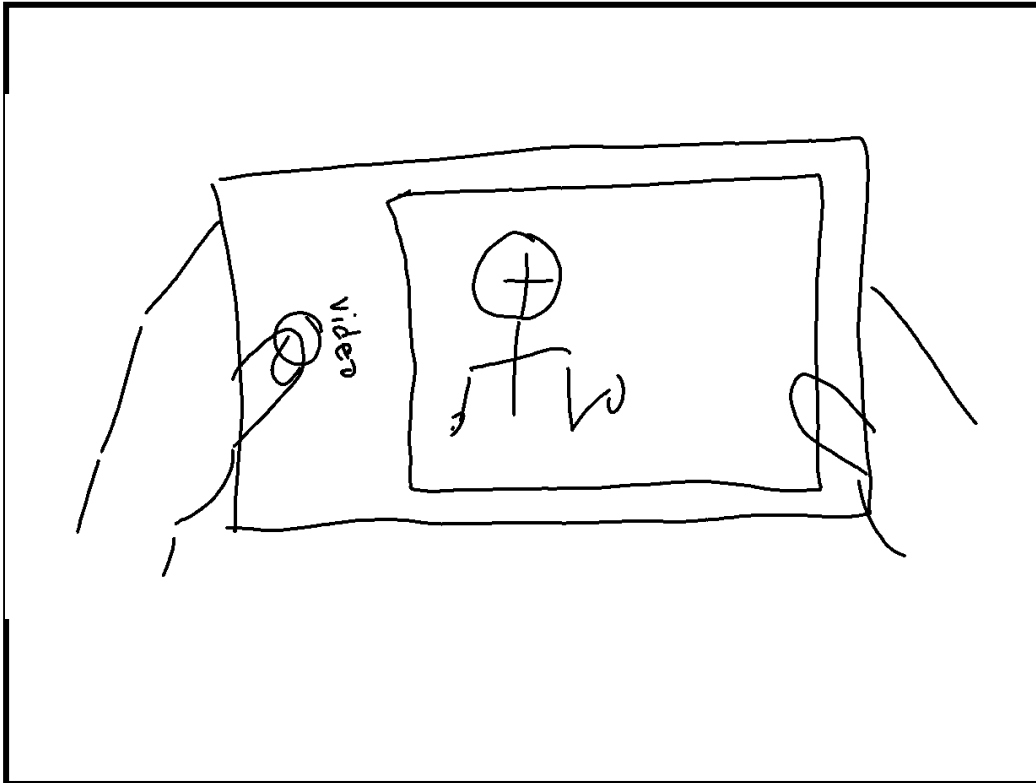


Duration:
3 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
3:01 Minutes

Video:
CU of hand holding
smartphone with camera app
set to video and hitting record
button

Audio:
hit that record button.

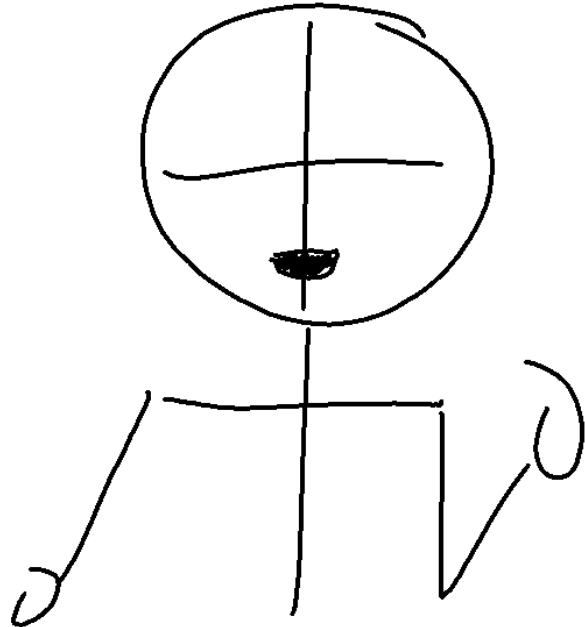


Duration:
6 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
3:07 Minutes

Video:
MS of instructor looking at camera

Audio:
But you're not starting with your interview questions. Instead say,



Duration:
4 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
3:11 Minutes

**Please say all
your name and
spell it.**

Video:
GFX black text on white
background: Please say all
your name and spell it.

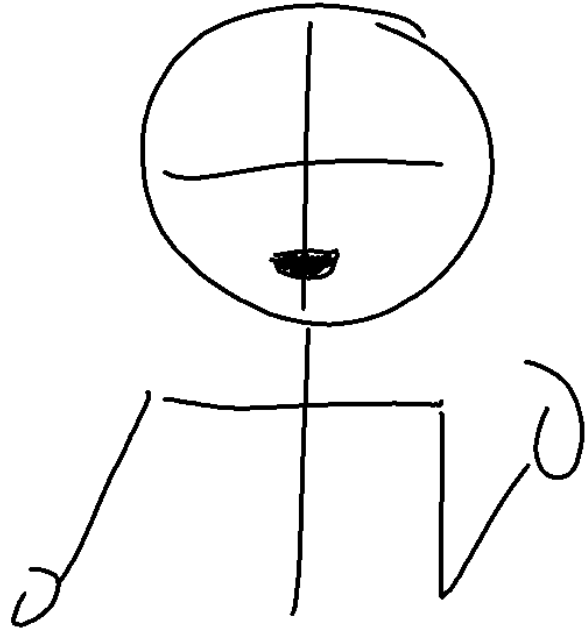
Audio:
"Please say all your name and
spell it."

Duration:
9 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
3:20 Minutes

Video:
MS of instructor facing camera

Audio:
Then ask for their job title or their relationship to your video subject. Are they an alum? A relative of someone whose getting an award?

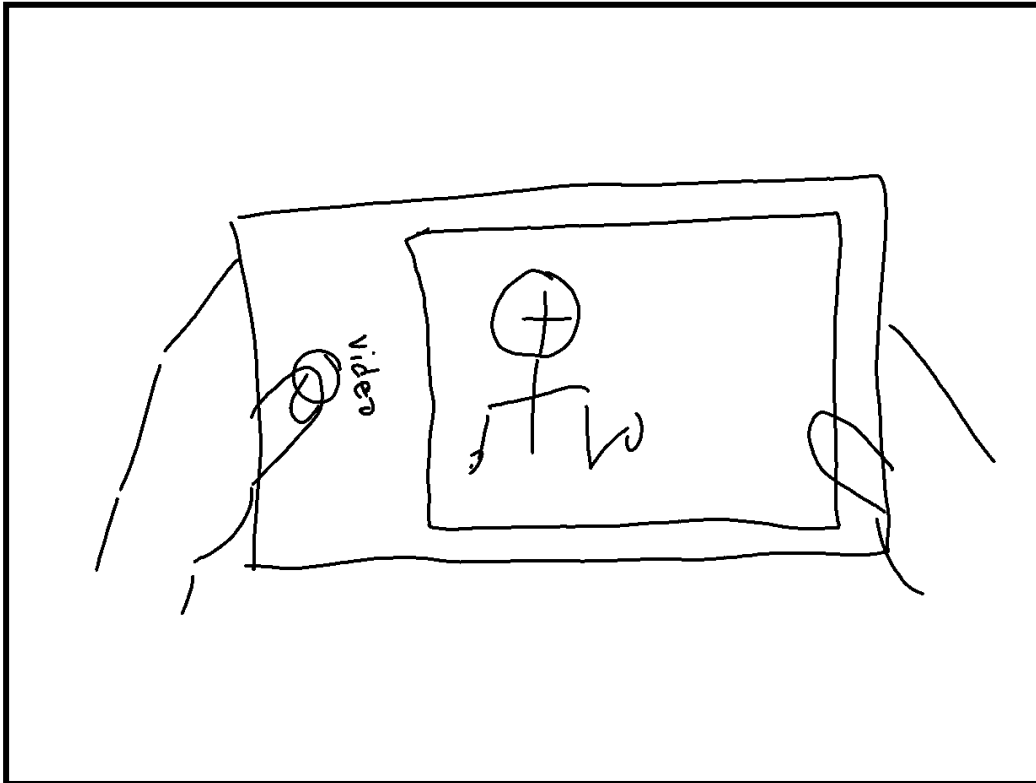


Duration:
3 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
3:23 Minutes

Video:
CU of hand holding
smartphone and hitting the
stop record button

Audio:
Now stop the recording.



Duration:
7 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
3:30 Minutes

Video:
MS of person viewing video on
smartphone

Audio:
You'll play back what you
recorded to make sure there
aren't any issues with the
video or audio.



Duration:
10 Seconds

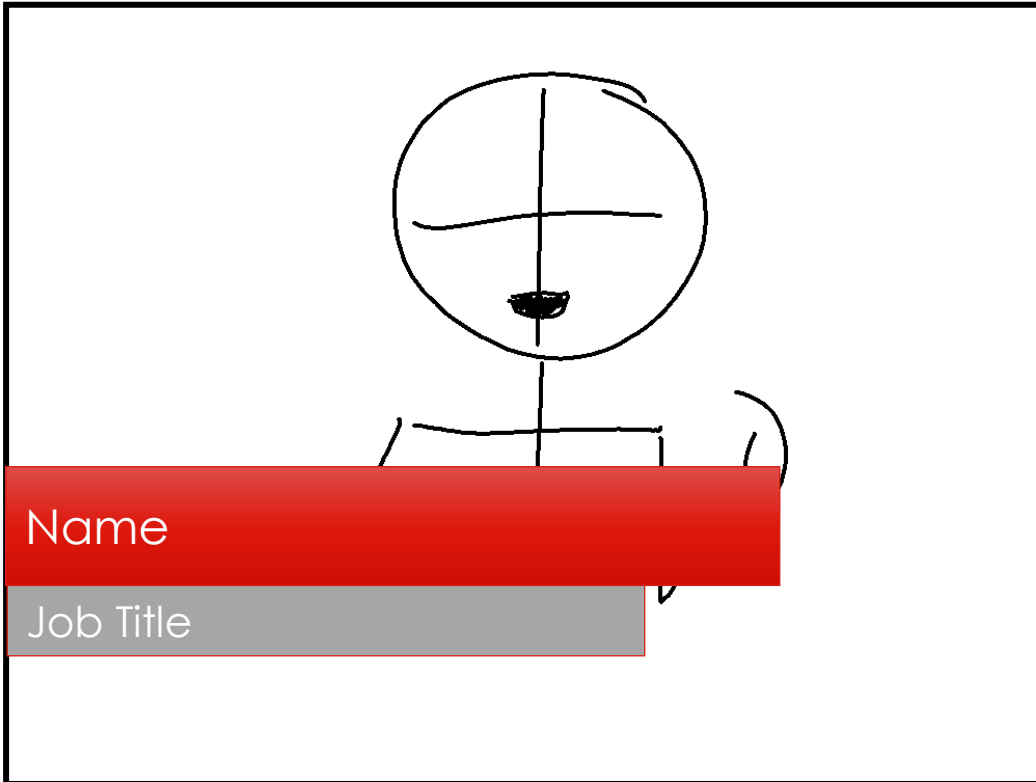
Total Elapsed Time:
3:40 Minutes

Video:
MS of instructor facing camera

Audio:
Plus, what you recorded will serve as a reminder of who you interviewed

Lower-third GFX:
Person's name
Job title/identifier

and you'll know how to spell the person's name if you add a graphic later.

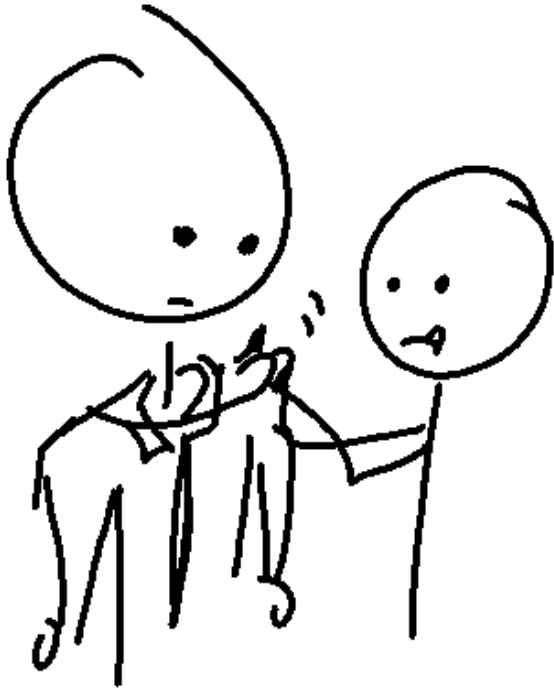


Duration:
5 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
3:45 Minutes

Video:
MS of cameraperson helping
adjust interview subject's
microphone.

Audio:
Make any changes need.

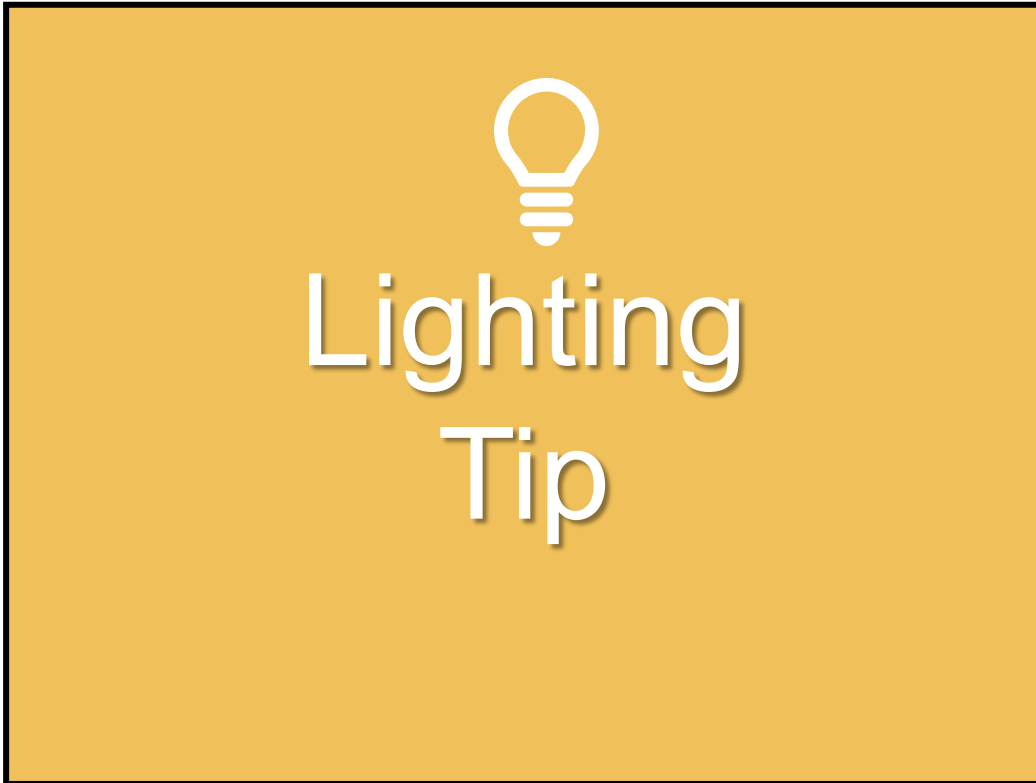


Duration:
2 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
3:47 Minutes

Video:
GFX white text on yellow
(#F0C05A) background:
Lighting Tip and light bulb icon

Audio:
SFX: Pop up
Quick lighting tip.



Duration:
5 Seconds

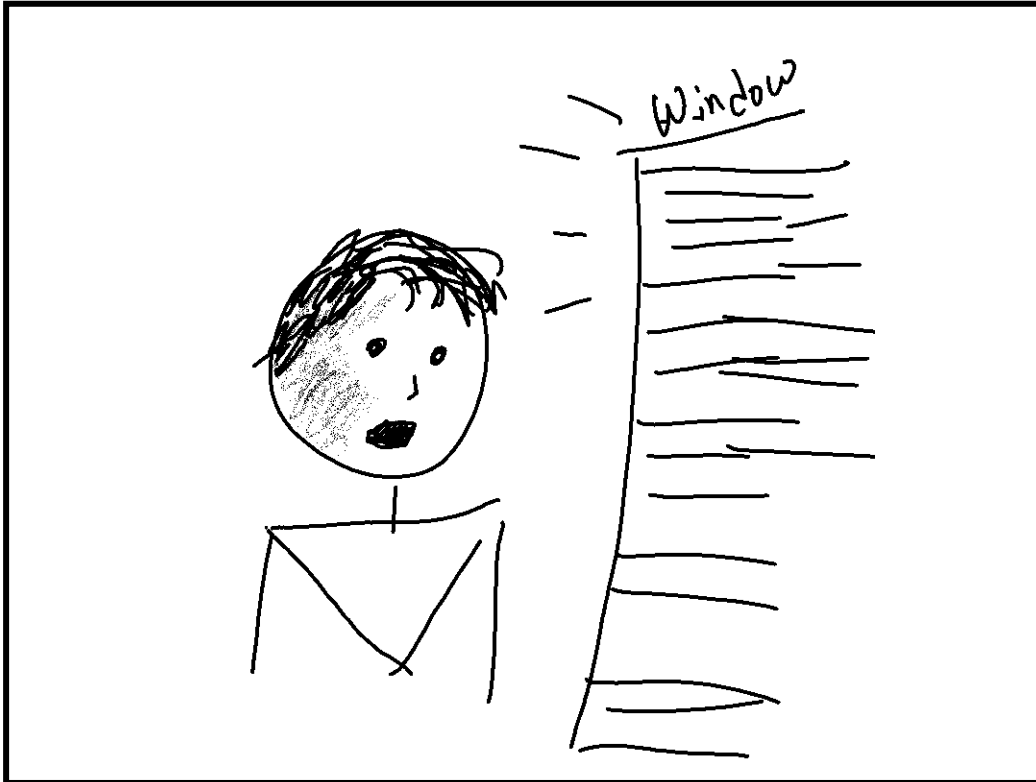
Total Elapsed Time:
3:52 Minutes

Video:

MS of interview subject showing window partially in the background

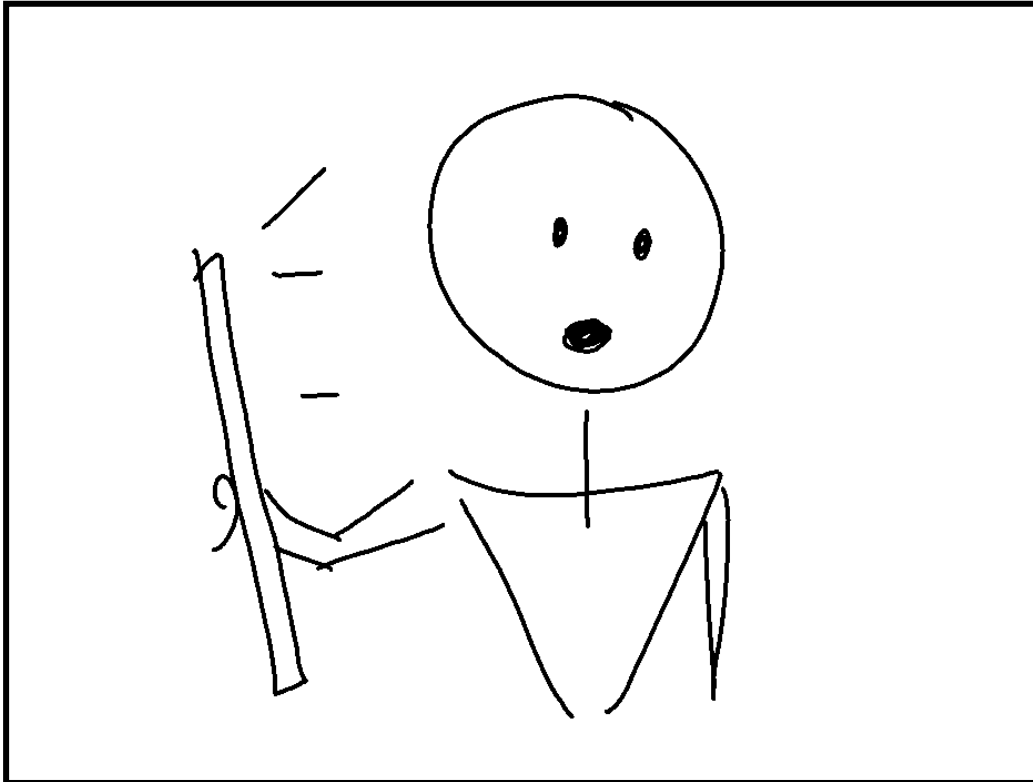
Audio:

If there's too much shadow on the side of the subject's face not near the light source, you can improve that.



Duration:
11 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
4:03 Minutes



Video:
MS of instructor facing camera
with shadow on left side of
face.

Shadow lessens

Instructor pulls white foam
board into shot

Audio:
See the left side of my face?
Shadow.

No shadow.

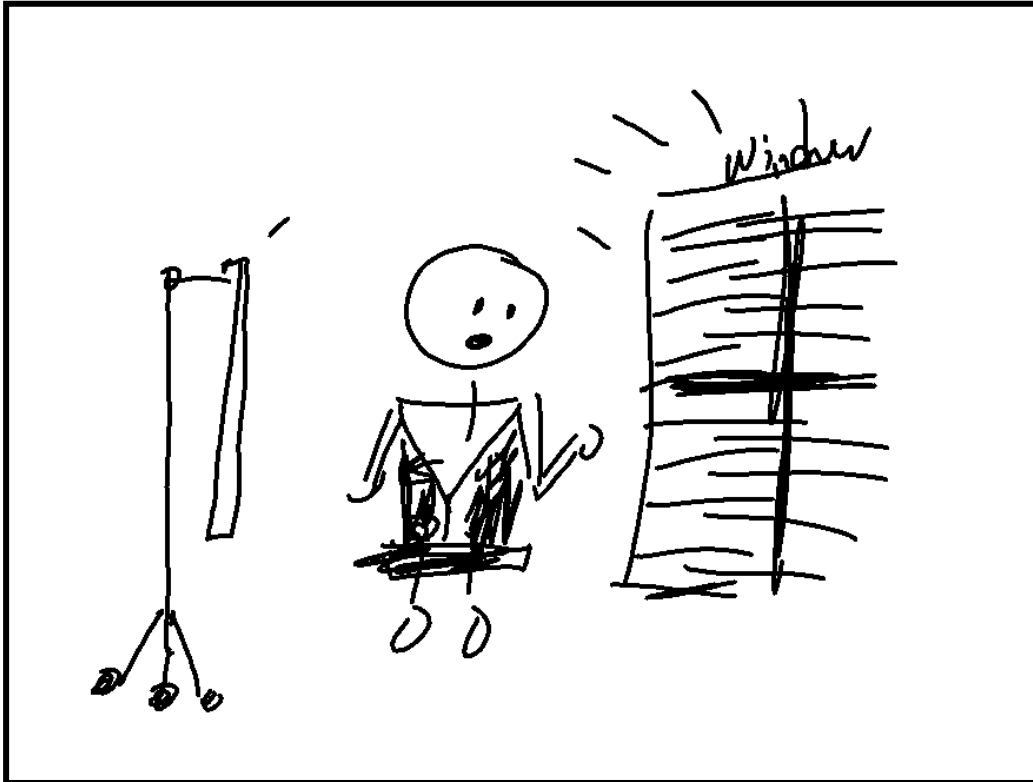
The shadow leaves because
I'm holding a white foam board
to reflect light onto my face.

Duration:
7 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
4:10 Minutes

Video:
WS of board on stand next to
interview subject

Audio:
You can have someone hold
the board or clip it onto a
stand to fix the shadow on the
interview subject's face.



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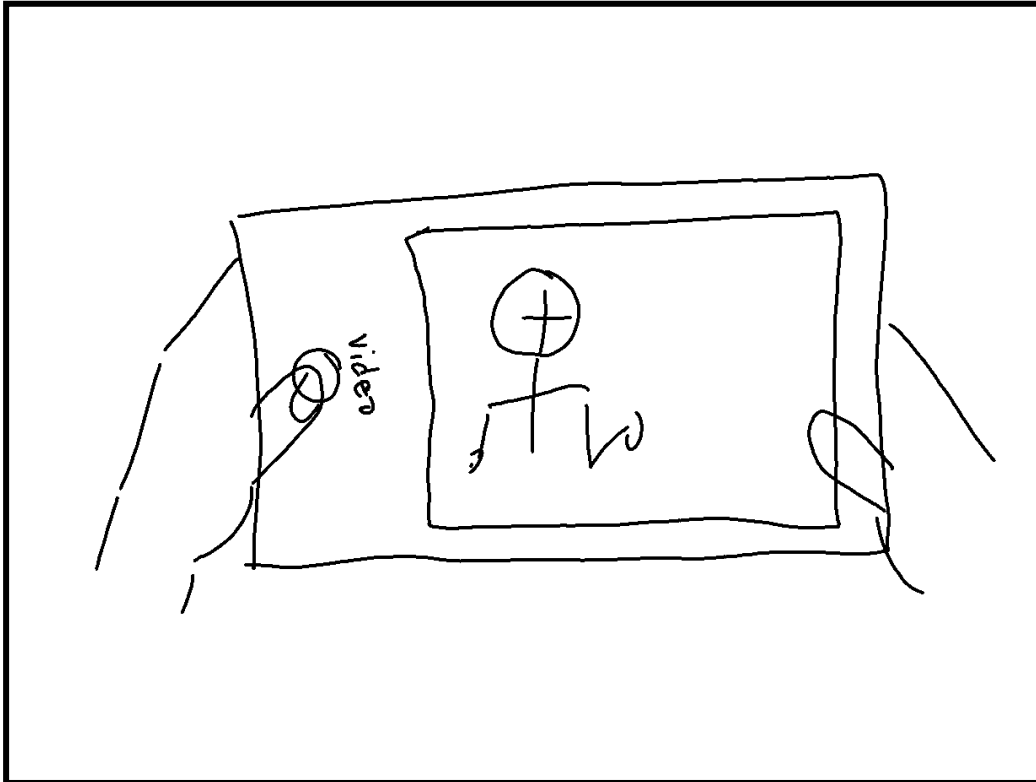
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Duration:
5 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
4:15 Minutes

Video:
CU of hand holding
smartphone and pushing video
record button

Audio:
With everything set, you can
now press record and start
your interview questions.



Duration:
6 Seconds

Total Elapsed Time:
4:21 Minutes

Video:
MS of instructor facing camera

Audio:
That's the end of the tutorial.
Good luck with your future recordings.

