

## How2 get good sound in your vlog

### You need to be heard!

You really don't need to have fancy video equipment to create vlogs – you can do it easily with a smart phone. But you do need to make sure you can be heard – although capturing video is relatively easy with a phone, making sure you have good sound is important too.

As mentioned in the 'film yourself' How2, the BBC has a great video about '[smartphone journalism](#)' that is well worth a look. It talks about sound and how to make sure you are getting the best quality sound in your video.

Here are some tips for making sure you can be heard on your vlog!!

- Always film in a quiet place where the phone won't pick up background noises. And make sure, too, that no unexpected noises could happen – such as your family interrupting telling you it's time to eat!
- Check how far away from your phone you can be for the sound to be picked up. That will help you to decide where to locate your phone, and where to locate yourself. Newer phones are very good at picking up sound so you could find you can stand or sit a few metres away and still get good sound pick up.
- Your phone probably came with a set of earphones that also have a microphone in them. Check whether you have a set like this, and whether those are useful to help you get good sound. If you don't want to sit filming with the earphones in your ears, you can tuck the microphone part of the set into your clothing.
- You really shouldn't need to buy a microphone for your phone, as the built-in mike or the earphones should be good enough. But if you become a professional vlogger (and some people do!) then you can buy a microphone that plugs into your phone including one that clips to your clothing (just like on the television) for around £10.

