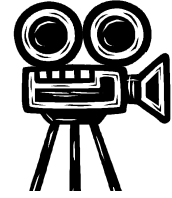


# Making Movies

*Hints and Tips for Students*



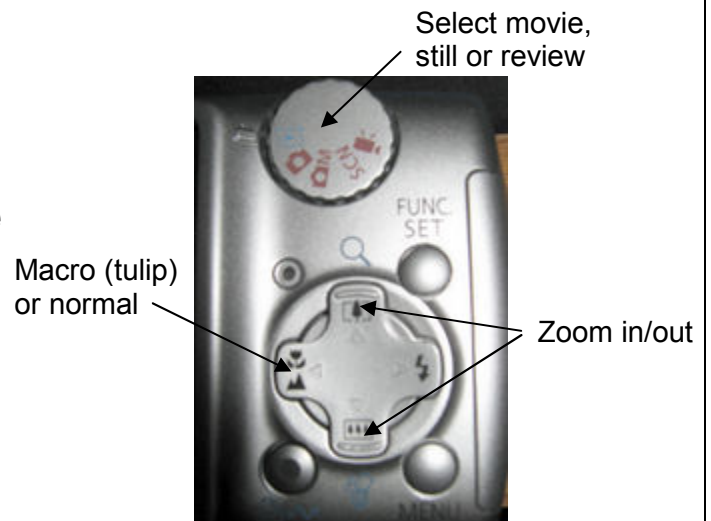
**\* Successful Movie-making requires careful planning! \***

## General Tips

- **Start with a Storyboard** (clips/location/dialogue/action). Could be a Freemind mindmap.
- **Maximum final movie length of 3 minutes** (apart from titles/credits) except in special circumstances.

## Camera Hints/Tips

- Ensure camera is correctly adjusted for **infinity, normal use** or **close ups** (macro)
- Zoom = up/down selection buttons.
- Movie mode and review via rotating selector at top.
- For download, set to review.



No need to adjust menu – camera has been optimised before use.

- **Download clips** into shared area on T drive (**needs to be set up by Ms Cleave in advance**). Allow 15 minutes. Camera must be set to review. Footage left on camera will be wiped.
- **Allow 15 minutes at the end to 'Finish'** the movie (more for a movie longer than 3 minutes). This creates the final '.wmv' movie file.

## Moviemaker Tips (avoid dreaded red crosses):

1. **Do all editing in school** and from the **shared area** (T drive), to avoid major technical problems when using Moviemaker.
2. Any clips/sounds stored in home areas will cause problems with Moviemaker in group work.
3. **Don't move or rename** clips/sounds while editing in MovieMaker (MovieMaker won't be able to find them).