Extreme Long Shot

This is generally used for a scenesetting, establishing shot. It is from a distance and typically shows an exterior (landscape, etc.). Figures are tiny on screen.



Long or Wide Shot

One which shows the image as approximately "life size" when viewed on a screen. Typically shows the entire object or human figure and is usually intended to place it in some relation to its surroundings.



Medium Shot

Shows a figure from the waist up and is normally used for dialogue scenes or to show some detail of action.



Close Up Shot

This shows very little background and concentrates on either a face or a specific detail. Typically, a figure's shoulders will also be visible in the shot to help orient the viewer.



Extreme Close Up Shot

An extreme version of the close up; generally magnifying beyond what the human eye would experience in reality.

