

# HOW TO: AT HOME SELF-TAPE AUDITION

At home? No problem! Successful filming tips!

ALL OF YOUR SELF-TAPE NEEDS CAN BE FOUND AT HOME  
NO PURCHASES NECESSARY



## WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

Cellphone or laptop  
Person or tripod  
Solid background  
Monologue (memorized or printed copy)

## LIGHTING

Look around your home or bedroom and see what options you have for a well-lit area. Setting up your camera in-front of a window or on the side of one can provide a good source of light. Make sure you, the actor is opposite the window or lamp. Also recording during the daytime provides natural lighting. You do not want a glare, you just want to ensure that you can be seen. No window? Make sure your lights are on. Avoid using the flashlight on your camera. A ring light also works wonders. We all don't have access to a three-point light setup.



## SOLID BACKGROUND

Sometimes the most difficult part is finding a solid wall clear of picture frames or light fixtures. A solid colored wall that you can stand in front of to record works perfectly. These include but *not* limited to, a white or neutral wall. Even curtains that are a solid color can work well depending on the lighting. Some people even prefer hanging up a neutral colored flat bed-sheet. Remember no distractions or moving objects in the background, no matter how cute your cat is.

## DON'T FORGET SOUND

We only want to hear you, which means no background noise. The sound should be clean and free of any distractions. Quiet your housemates, close the door and/or window, turn off the TV, radio, etc. If you have a lavalier mic use it.



## READY TO HIT RECORD?

Wipe off/clean your cellphone lens (whether your using your front facing or rear camera). Ensure that your camera is either held by a person with steady hands or Tripod at eye level. Remember to have the phone horizontal to shoot in landscape mode.

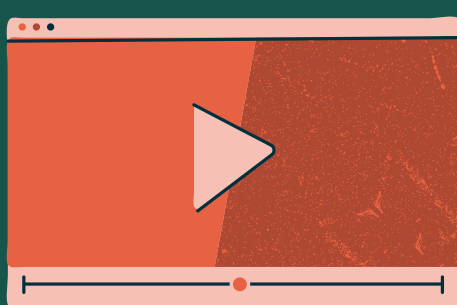
### Proper Framing

You want a tight frame from your chest to just above the top of your head

Be sure to slate looking directly at the camera. Then place focus slightly off-camera (to the left or right) when performing monologue.

Can you be seen? Can you be heard?

Send in one smooth complete take instead of editing a bunch of takes and finally, follow uploading instructions!



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