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Digital Photography for Beginners Getting Off Auto!



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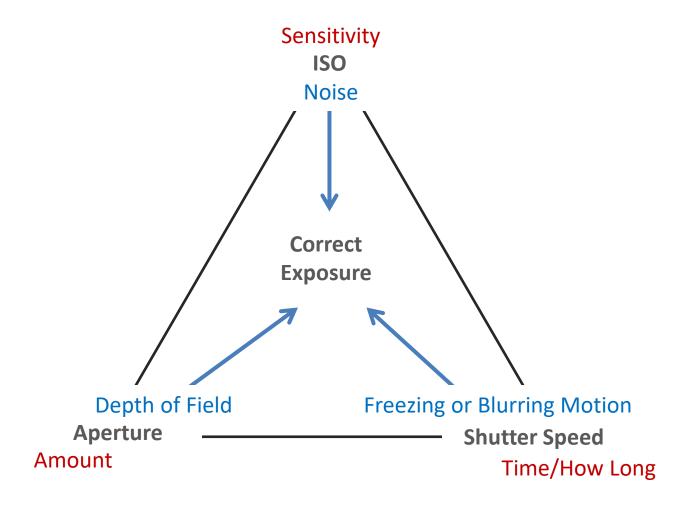
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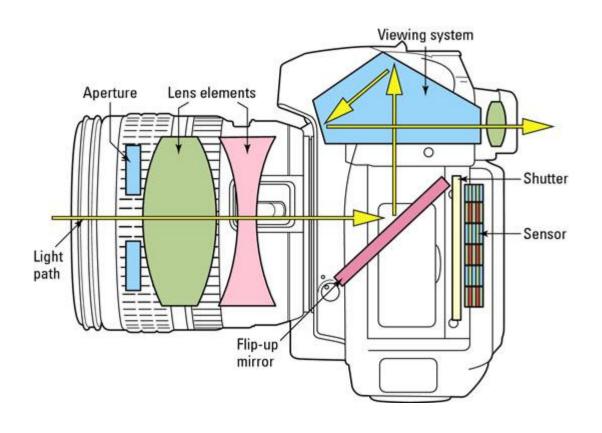
- Ansel Adams



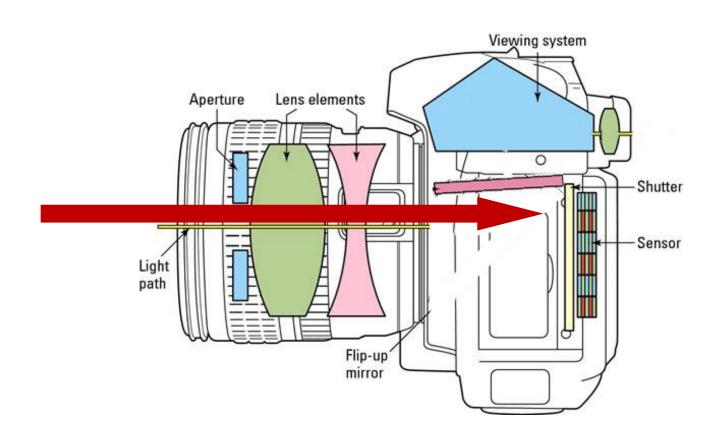
THE EXPOSURE TRIANGLE



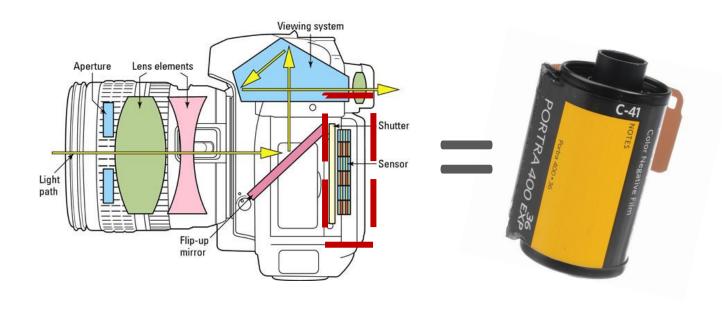
HOW A DIGITAL CAMERA WORKS



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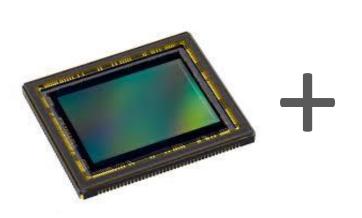
Camera Sensor Size Comparison



THE LCD SCREEN



THE SENSOR + LCD SCREEN





HOLDING THE CAMERA

Thumb on the Top



Thumb on the Bottom



File Type: JPEG vs. RAW

Dioptric Adjustment
Drive Mode
Auto Focus/Focus Points
White Balance
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File Type: JPEG vs. RAW Dioptric Adjustment

Drive Mode

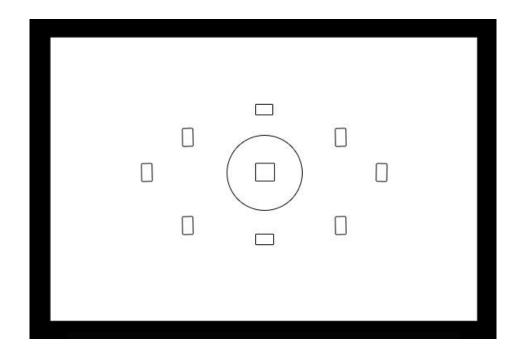
Auto Focus/Focus Points
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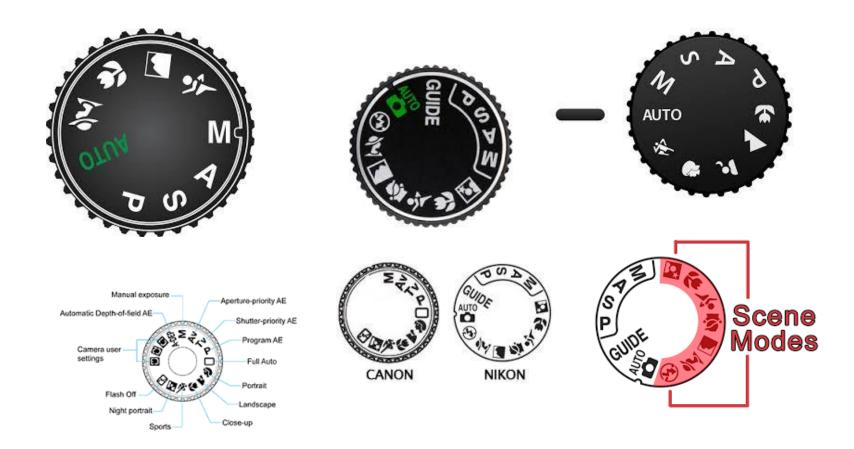
White Balance (temporarily at Auto)

Mode Dial

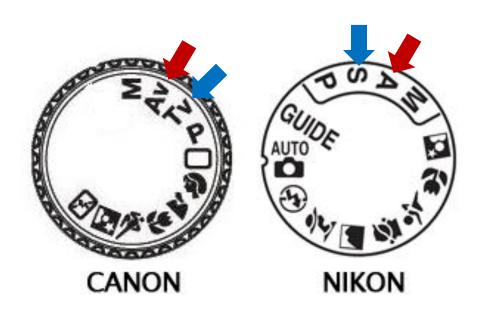
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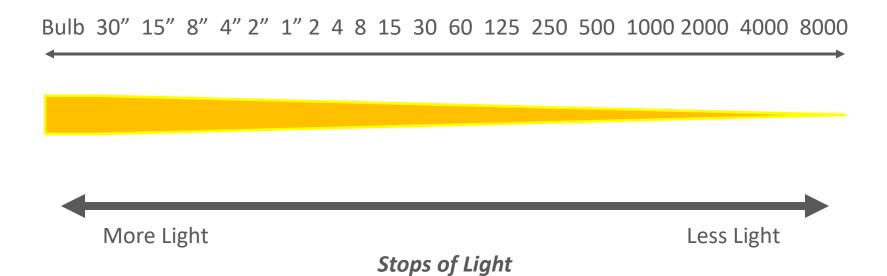




TV or S = Shutter Priority



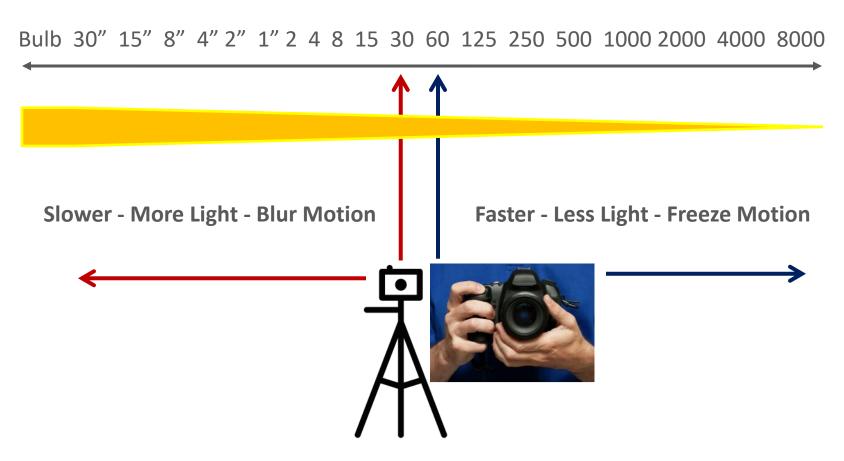
SHUTTER SPEED = TIME



Each full stop = halving or doubling of light

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Slower - More Light - Blur Motion Faster - Less Light - Freeze Motion



Freezing really fast moving objects

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Freezing fast motion like jumping dog, sports or fast vehicle

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Minimum for relatively fast human action like some sports dancing

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Slow human action or slow moving animals

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Minimum for portraits and panning vehicles

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Minimum to avoid hand-held camera shake

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Landscapes during G.H. or city at night



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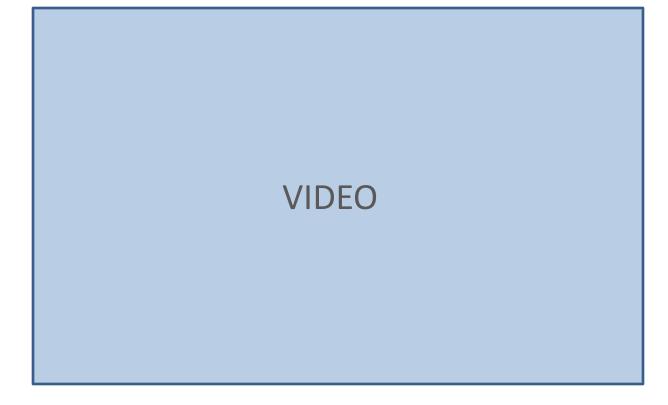
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Light painting or stars motion



LENSES



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TYPES OF LENSES

Focal Lengths	Lens Type		Lens Usage	
Less than 20mm	Ultra Wide Angle		Architecture	
21mm - 35mm		Wide Angle		Landscape
35mm - 70mm		Normal		Street and Documentary
80mm - 135mm		Medium Telephoto		Portraiture
135mm - 300mm		Telephoto		Sports and Wildlife
More than 300mm		Super Telephoto		Wildlife

Specialty Lenses

- Fisheye
- Macro



MAJOR TYPES OF LENSES

Wide Angle
Normal/Standard
Telephoto

Zoom or Prime/Fixed



LENSES MARKINGS

CANON ZOOM LENS EF 28-80mm 1:3.5-5.6 58mm

CANON EF LENS 50mm 1:1.8 49mm

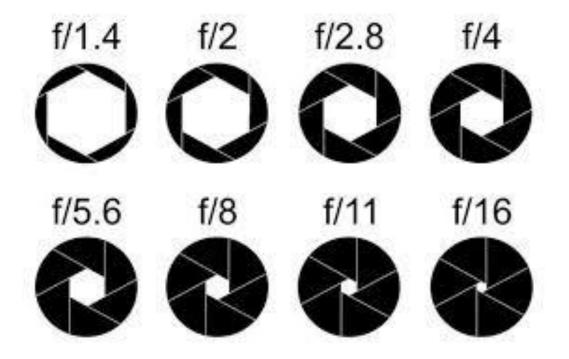


APERTURE

Aperture = the size of opening in the lens through which light travels and measure in *F-stop* values



APERTURE/F-STOPS

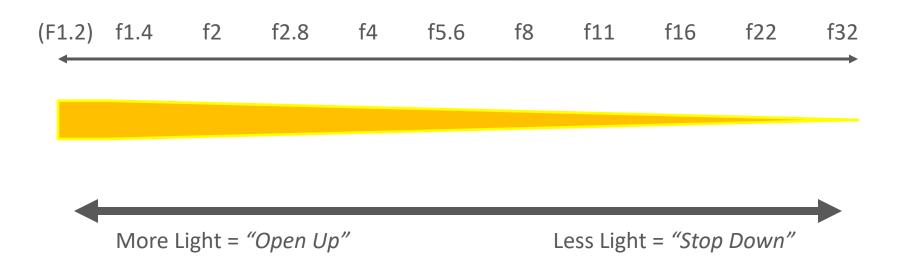


APERTURE/F-STOPS

Maximum Aperture, or f-stop = the lens speed

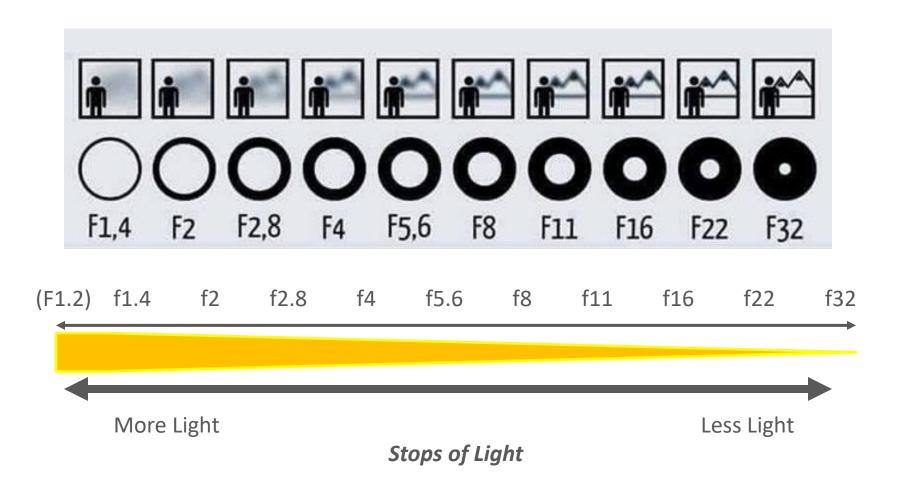


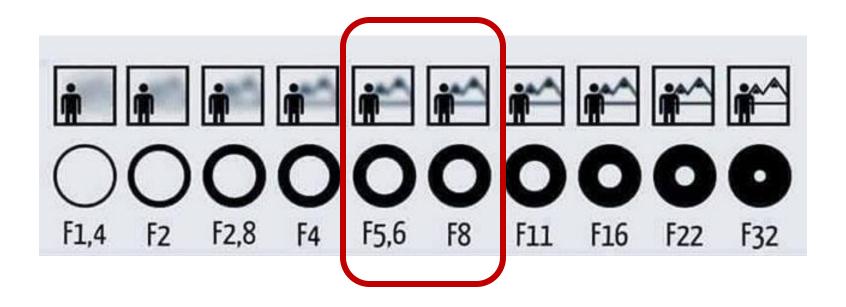
APERTURE/F-STOPS



Stops of Light

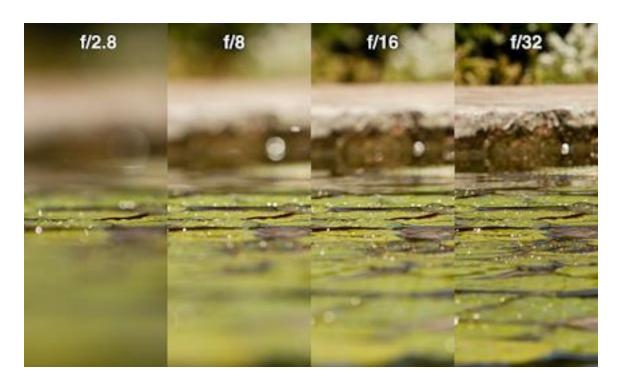
Each full stop = halving or doubling of light





Tip: middle range (5.6 or 8.0) of lens tends to be the sweet spot and sharpest





"Open Up" = Shallow Depth of Field

"Stop Down" = Maximum Depth of Field











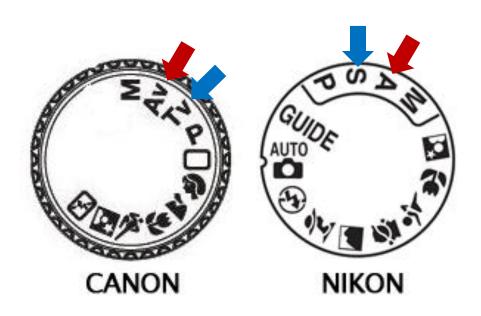




APERTURE & DEPTH OF FIELD

IMPORTANT CAMERA SET-UP

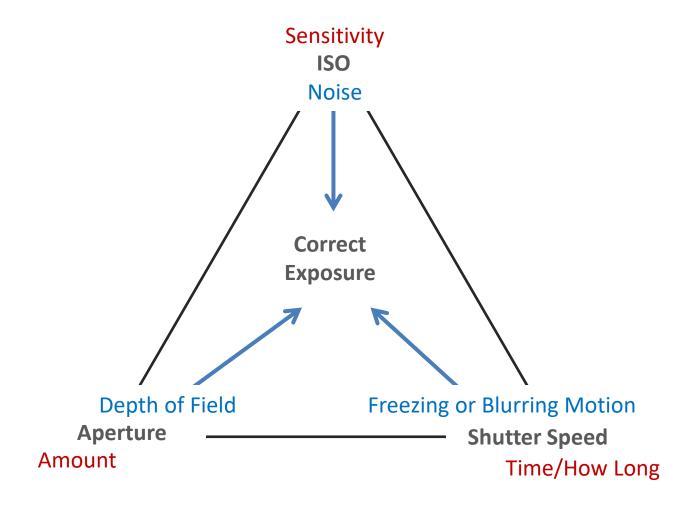
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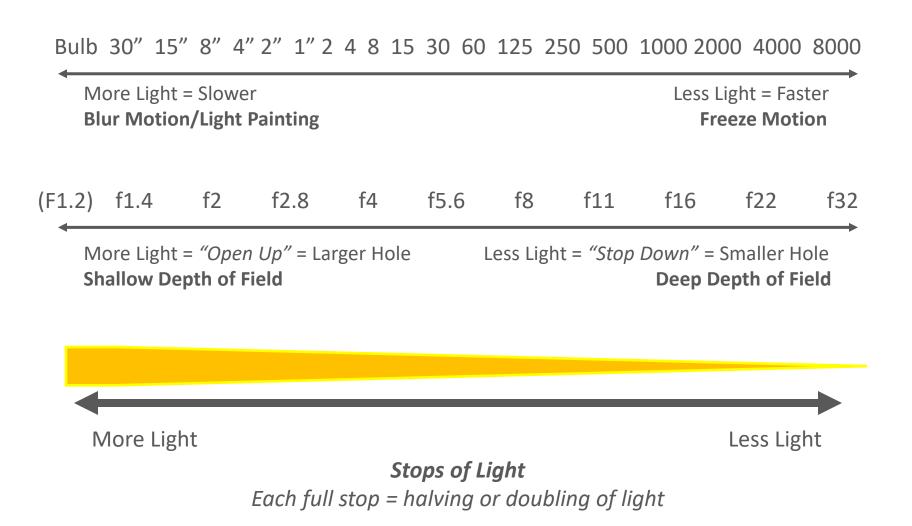


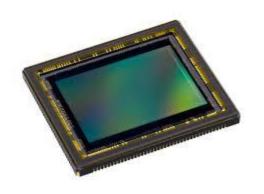
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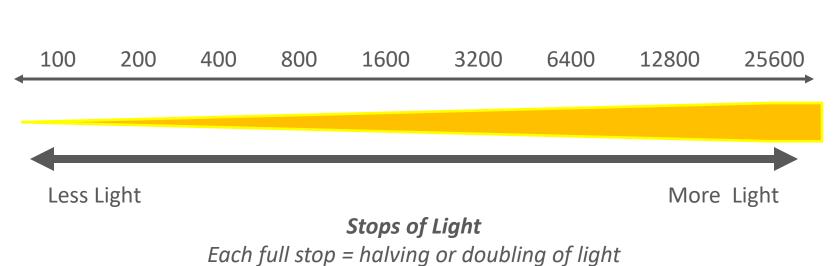
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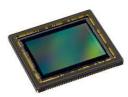


SHUTTER SPEED & APERTURE

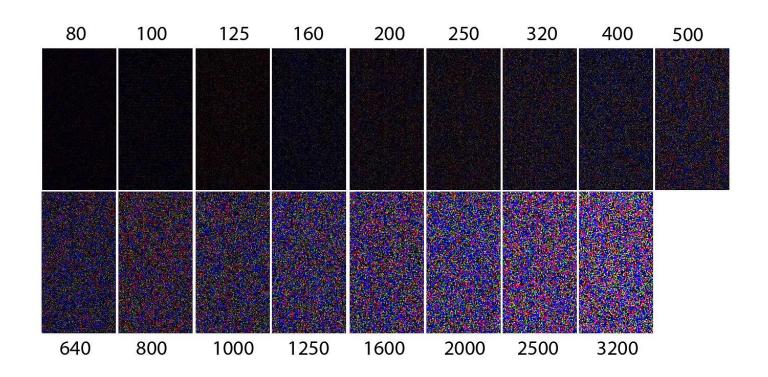












ISO SCALE

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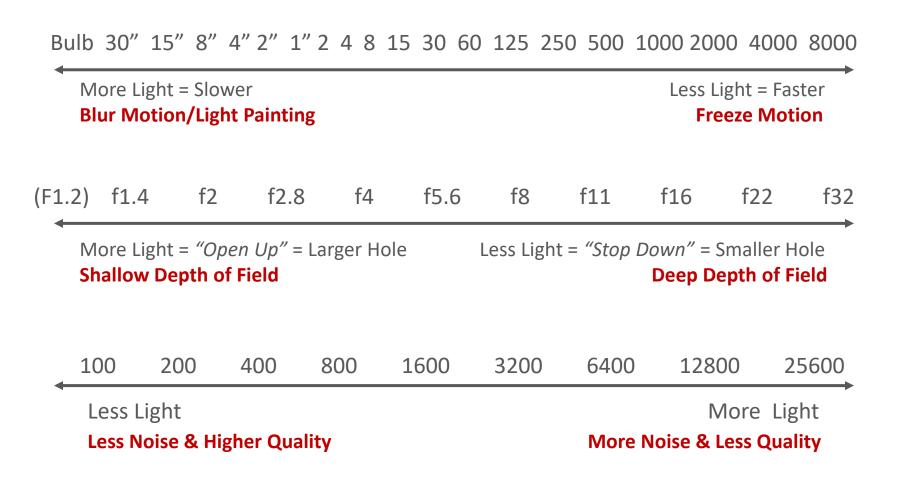
Less sensitive to light

More sensitive to light

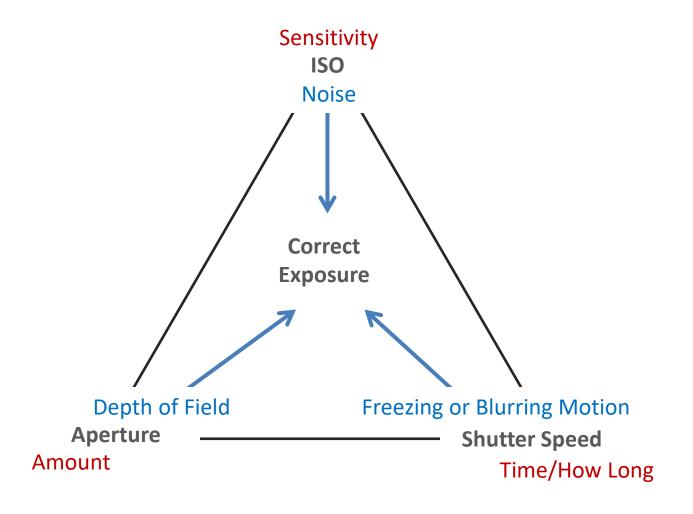
More light needed for "good" exposure Less light needed for "good" exposure

Less image noise/grain

SHUTTER SPEED, APERTURE & ISO



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SHUTTER SPEED, APERTURE & ISO

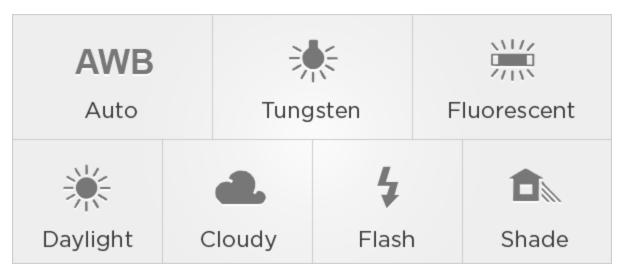
Equivalent Exposures

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Is auto ISO Good or Bad?

WHITE BALANCE



WB SETTINGS	COLOR TEMPERATURE	LIGHT SOURCES
	10000 - 15000 K	Clear Blue Sky
a 🗈	6500 - 8000 K	Cloudy Sky / Shade
W.	6000 - 7000 K	Noon Sunlight
赤	5500 - 6500 K	Average Daylight
4	5000 - 5500 K	Electronic Flash
SW/	4000 - 5000 K	Fluorescent Light
2005	3000 - 4000 K	Early AM / Late PM
*	2500 - 3000 K	Domestic Lightning
	1000 - 2000 K	Candle Flame

WHITE BALANCE

Example Shot Under Fluorescent Lights



CLEANING



FIRMWARE UPDATES







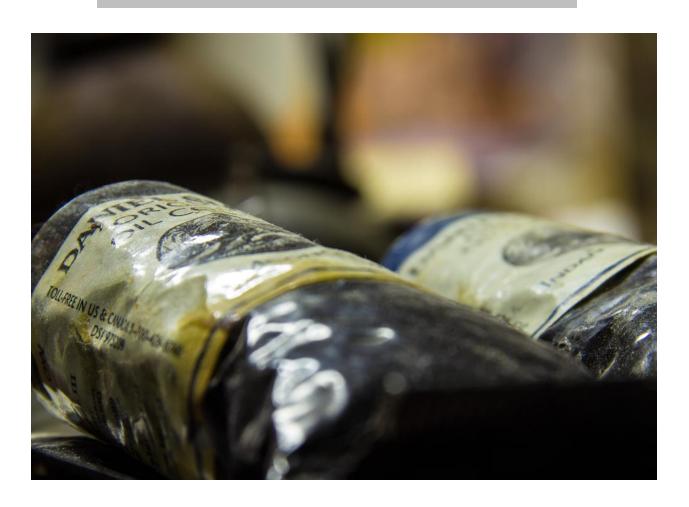
JPEG vs. RAW

- RAW is not an image file per se (it will require special software to view, though this software is easy to get)
- JPEG is processed in camera and ready to go and easy to share immediately
- RAW is the highest level of quality with 4K 16K levels of brightness, higher dynamic range and more control of exposure, blacks, whites, recovery, contrast, brightness, whites etc.)
- JPEG records 256 levels of brightness.
- RAW you can do extremely refined processing of image
- JPEG camera does processing and dumps a tone of information do=so any future processing is more limited
- RAW is uncompressed "lossless" data
- JPEG is lossy, compressed image
- RAW is not suitable for printing directly from the camera or without post processing.
 - read only (all changes are saved in an XMP "sidecar" file and/or to a JPEG, TIFF or other image format).
 - sometimes admissible in a court as evidence (as opposed to a changeable image format).
 - waiting to be processed by your computer
- JPEG is nicely processed, good looking and ready to share and print (the camera has several JPEG settings, usually referred to as Picture Style)
- RAW much better detail and non-destructive editing (uses a "sidecar" file)
- RAW much bigger file sizes
- RAW much better for making TIFF or JPEG files for digital prints because of tonal range, and colors range.
- RAW easy to adjust White after the fact

Photograph What You Are Interested In!

Focusing on what you enjoy and are interested in will keep you interested and improving. This will allow you to overcome learning obstacles.

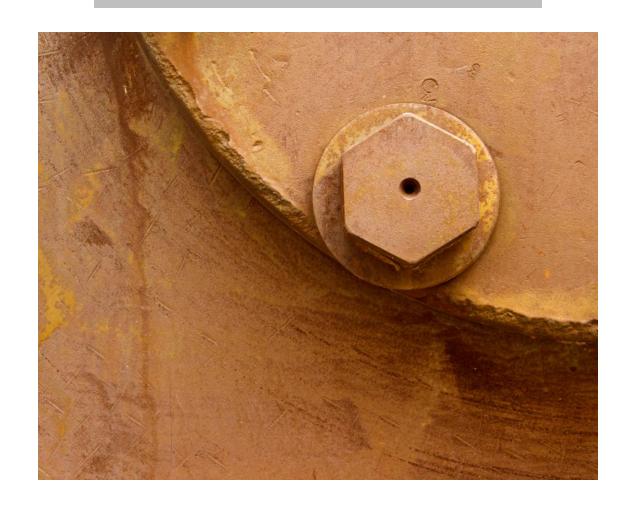
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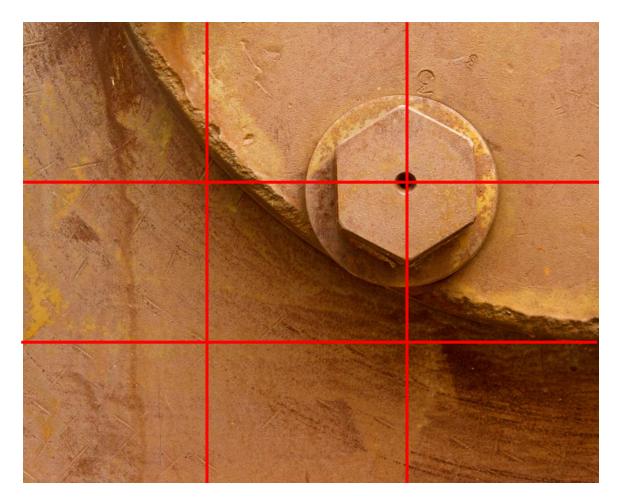
The "Rule of Thirds"

While framing/composing your shot think of the four intersecting horizontal and vertical lines. Divide your composition using them and place your subject on one of them, especially using the power points. This is nota hard rule, but a good guideline to follow to get your subject out of center for more interesting look.

The "Rule of Thirds"



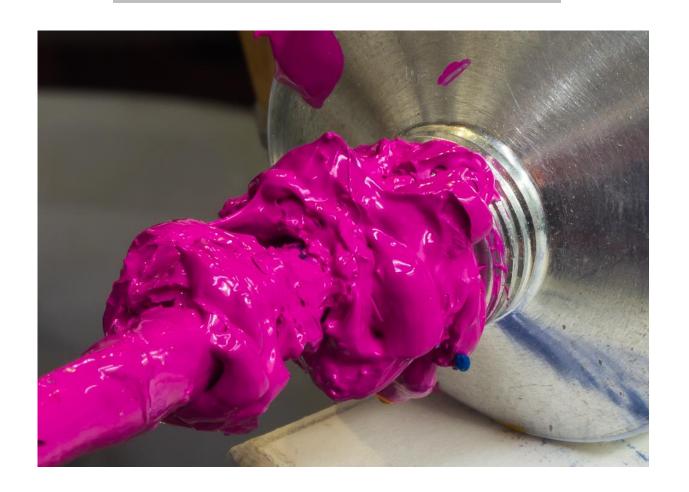
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Fill the Frame

Don't leave too much space around your main subject. This deemphasizes the importance of your subject. Move in, or zoom in, closer

Fill the Frame



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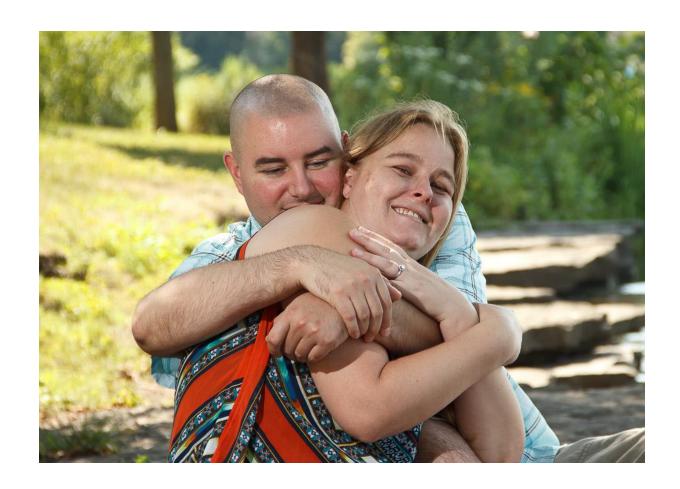
Make Use of "Leading Lines"

Lines in a scene can help control where viewers eyes moves

Make Use of "Leading Lines"



Bad Lines



Bad Lines



Change Your Perspective

Don't just shoot from eyes level. Experiment with different heights, angles and perspectives.

Change Your Perspective



Hand-held Camera Shake

Prevent blurry pictures by avoiding hand-held camera shake

If hand holding then 1/60 minimum safety speed. Shutter speed and lens focal length relationship for longer than 50mm lens. Image stabilizing lenses can get shutter speed down a stop.

Wide Aperture

Wide aperture to make subject pop Low F-stop, open up, to blur background behind your subject and keep main subject in focus.

Wide Aperture



Fill the Frame + Wide Aperture



Prime vs. Zoom Lenses

Prime has wider apertures like F1.4 & F1.8

Zoom has F2.8 – F3.5 max

Therefore better in low light situations and create shallower depth of field.

Prime lenses usually have much sharper optics.

The Sunny 16 Rule

On a clear and sunny day, at an aperture of F/16, you will get a correct exposure if you use a shutter speed that's the inverse of the ISO speed you're using.

Example: If it's a sunny day, and have your aperture set to F/16 and ISO set to 200, to correctly expose your image the shutter speed needs to be set to 1/200 (the inverse of the ISO number).

Other "F-Rules" for Different Shooting Conditions

The snowy/sandy F/22 rule.

The overcast F/8 rule.

The slightly overcast F/11 rule.

The heavy overcast F/5.6 rule.

The sunset F/4 rule.

ADDITIONAL ACCESSORIES



35mm or 50mm



UV Filter Lens
Protector



Tripod with Ball Head Mount



Lens Hood



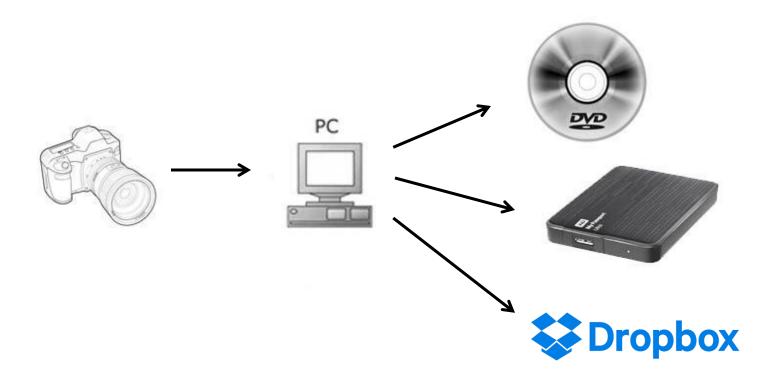
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ADDITIONAL ACCESSORIES

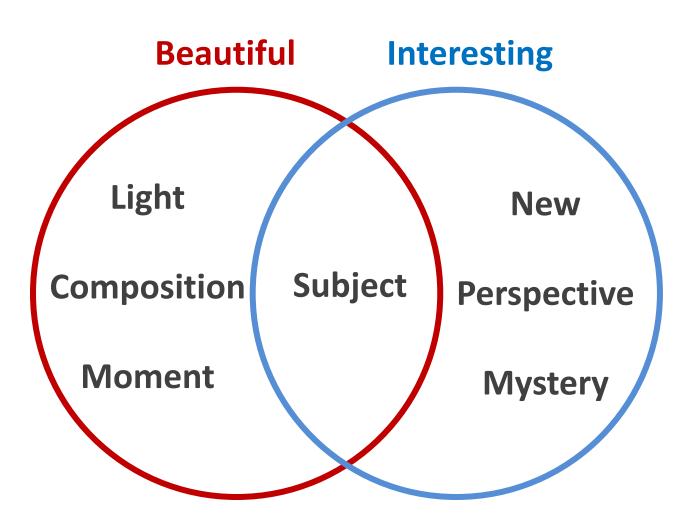
UV Lens Filter/Protector



BACKUP!

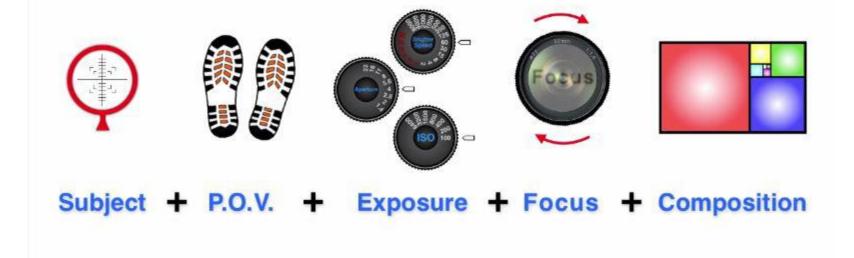


A GREAT PHOTOGRAPH



THE PHOTO 5-STEP

Not Necessarily in Order



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- Ansel Adams

