

STEP 4 – RECORD SINGING (BOTH) AUDIO & VIDEO

Aims

- To video a performance
- To deepen technical skills and digital competences
- To develop team work, creative abilities and sense of initiative
- To practice acceptance of others' ideas and suggestions

Students record the two versions of their song, in their native language and their target language.

They should work through the following process:

- Rehearsing the music with the lyrics – they will need to decide who sings, who plays and build an arrangement
- Rehearsing the audio and/or video recording – this will need to be done during the song rehearsals so camera angles and timings can be decided on. The audio could be recorded at the same time as the video or completed separately and the audio track added later.
- Final recordings
- Editing and finalization (they can add captions etc.)

The video recording can be a wonderful creative process. It is suggested to make sure that students are creative and try to use the camera in all sorts of ways, to experiment with the picture framing, how the camera is moved and to explore different camera positions and heights. Check out this video for more ideas:

<http://youtu.be/qVEnqoRJRLU>

The following steps are suggested for the video recording:

- Preparations for shooting: Make sure that your camera/video recording device is charged and that you have enough memory storage at hand.
- Record the video: Record your music clip in one go. As with the audio, make sure that you press the record button early enough to start the recording and late enough to stop the recording to avoid cutting the song. If necessary, you can record your clip in more than one take and put it together later on in the editing phase. You should not stop the recorder and do retakes, again during the editing process you can cut out the unwanted or redundant sections.
- Check your video: Check your music clip/s straight away. If you are not happy, repeat your recording.
- Share / edit your video: either upload your video clip straight away or transfer it to your computer if you want to do some video editing.

Editing

- Editing can take the message and quality of your music video further. Titles and credits can add useful information and subtitles can strengthen the idea of language learning. There is no need to get expensive editing software. Moviemaker and iMovie are enough to get started (here is a link to a Moviemaker tutorial: <http://youtu.be/Y9uVx2t8ihI>)

How do you go about editing? Once all video recordings are finished they need to be transferred to the computer. This can either be done with a card transfer or a USB lead. Then you are ready to import all clips and start with editing. Select the video clips you want to use, change the order, work on the length of each clip and add titles. Once you are happy you can export the video again and share it online.

If you want to work on more sophisticated video productions with at least two video channels where you overlay different video clips and / or still images you will need to upgrade your software to packages like Premiere Elements, Magix Video or Pinnacle Studio.