

# *5 Tips to Take Better Photos*

with your phone



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Hey there! Thank you so much for downloading this freebie! We hope you find it useful!

We all take photos with our phone on a daily basis. Changing a few simple things can really help elevate your photos and make the subject pop! Whether you're taking photos of others or of yourself, this guide will help you watch for certain things to document beautiful moments to look back on.

We've compiled five of our best tips to take better photos with your phone! These tips are simple and easy to apply. Read on for more info!

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# Tips for taking

## Better Photos with Your Phone

*We all take pictures with our phone! Here are 5 of our best tips for taking better pictures so you can document beautiful memories to look back on!*

- Put the subject in even light so there aren't any harsh shadows or bright spots on them. Putting them in shade is a good idea. Having even light minimizes distractions and makes skin glow and appear soft. Shooting about an hour before sunset is a great time for good light.
- It may seem silly, but clean your camera lens by wiping it gently with a cloth. Many photos look fuzzy and not crisp simply because the camera lens is not clean! Wipe it off gently before you take photos.
- Get on the level of your subject. If you're taking photos of kids, squat down so they're centered in the screen instead of aiming the camera down towards them. Additionally, aim to shoot directly at the subject or slightly above them aiming down as shooting upwards isn't very flattering.
- Choose your background carefully. Picking a dark background will suck the light out of the photo. Picking a busy background will detract from the subject. Pick bright, clean backgrounds! If you want to place the subject in front of flowers or trees, for example, pull them away from it so the background is less in focus than the subject. This helps the subject stay as the main focus.
- When shooting indoors, use natural light from windows. Have your subject face the natural light when you take the photo - it evens out skin and brightens eyes!



# Examples



## HARSH LIGHT

This photo was taken in very harsh light during golden hour. Notice the bright spots and the harsh shadows on the subjects. Notice the veins in her arm and how his face skin appears uneven. Also, look at the busy and distracting background. Harsh light is unflattering and is not very appealing.



## SOFT, EVEN LIGHT

This photo was taken a few feet away from the other photo. We placed the subjects in shade and switched the direction they were facing. Notice how their skin looks soft and creamy. The background is far enough away to have nice blur. Be aware of your surroundings to choose the best light!

# INDOOR

## LIGHT

When taking a photo indoors, it's a good idea to find natural light from windows and glass doors. Aiming yourself or your subject at the natural light will even out skin tones, brighten eyes, and bring the attention to yourself or to the subject.

Bottom Left Photo: This photo is taken with natural light directly behind me. Notice how the background is blown out and I look dark in comparison to the background. My eyes and features are in shadow.

Bottom Right Photo: This photo is taken with natural light to the side of me. Notice how my skin texture is accentuated, as well as wrinkles. Half of my face is partly lit up and the other half is in shadow.

The photo on the right is taken with me aiming directly at the natural light (window). Notice how my skin looks even and smooth, my face is lit up, and my eyes are bright! Using natural light in this way helps the subject's features come to life

*All three photos are unedited photos taken with an iPhone 11.*



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