

Miscellaneous Tips for Better Photographs

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1. Before each photo session, make sure your battery is fully charged and your memory card is formatted (clean).
2. Always format your memory card in the camera you will be using.
3. Take plenty of pictures, but show only your best ones.
4. Get Close. As a rule, the closer you get to the subject, the better your pictures will be. If you think you are close enough, get closer (fill the frame).
5. Take time to read and understand your camera manual. These instructions will explain what your camera can and can not do.
6. Keep your pictures as simple as possible. Carefully observe both the background and foreground for unwanted objects in your viewfinder before you take the picture.
7. Correctly expose flash pictures within the flash-to-subject range of your camera (usually 6 to 12 feet).
8. Use a fill-in flash on bright days to remove dark shadows.
9. When using a flash, watch for reflective backgrounds, such as eyeglasses, mirrors, windows or shiny objects. Shoot the subject at an angle to avoid the above.
10. Download your photos as soon as you finish your photo shoot.
11. Watch the direction of the light. Light from the side or from the back of your subject maybe more effective than light from the front.
12. Keep moving to see things from different angles.
13. Cameras do not take pictures, people do. It is up to you to compose your picture carefully. Press the shutter button smoothly to avoid camera shake

