

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will understand the basic concepts of photography, including composition, lighting, and the importance of perspective. They will also learn how to take engaging photos using their own creativity.

Materials and Prep

- A camera (this can be a smartphone camera or a digital camera)
- A notebook and pen for taking notes
- A few objects or scenes to photograph (e.g., plants, toys, family members)
- Access to natural light (outdoor or near a window)

Before the lesson, familiarize yourself with the camera's basic functions such as zoom, focus, and flash settings. Encourage the student to think about what they find visually interesting in their surroundings.

Activities

• Photo Scavenger Hunt

Set up a scavenger hunt where the student has to find and photograph specific items or scenes around the house or yard. This will encourage them to look at their environment from a photographer's perspective.

• Composition Challenge

Teach the student about the "Rule of Thirds" and have them take photos using this technique. They can try framing their subjects off-center to create more dynamic images.

• Lighting Experiment

Have the student take photos in different lighting conditions (e.g., bright sunlight, shade, indoors). Discuss how lighting changes the mood and quality of the photo.

• Photo Review

After taking the photos, sit down together and review them. Discuss what they like about each photo and what they might improve. This will help them learn to critique their own work.

Talking Points

- "Photography is all about capturing moments and telling stories. What story do you want to tell with your photos?"
- "The Rule of Thirds helps make your photos more interesting. Imagine dividing your photo into a tic-tac-toe grid and placing your subject at the intersections!"
- "Lighting can change everything! Natural light can make your photos look warm and inviting. How does this photo feel in different light?"
- "Perspective is key. Try getting low to the ground or shooting from above. How does that

change how we see the subject?"

- "Don't be afraid to experiment! Sometimes the best photos come from trying something unexpected."
- "Every great photographer started as a beginner. What matters is that you keep practicing and having fun!"
- "Reviewing your photos is just as important as taking them. What did you learn from each shot?"
- "Remember, there's no right or wrong in photography. Trust your eye and your creativity!"
- "Think about the emotions you want to evoke. What do you want your viewers to feel when they see your photos?"
- "Photography can be a way to express yourself. What do your photos say about you?"
- "Look for patterns or interesting textures in your surroundings. They can make for unique photos!"
- "Practice makes perfect! The more you shoot, the better you'll get at capturing what you see."
- "Always be ready! Sometimes the best moments happen when you least expect them."