

photo tips

small numbers

Don't take photos with more than 5 or 6 people - they don't turn out because there isn't a focal point. Have small groups of people squeeze in with their heads close together with their arms around each other (even if they don't know each other).



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get close

Fill the camera's display screen with your subject to create pictures with greater impact.



✓ yay



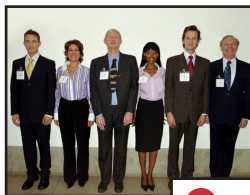
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use different levels

The eye likes variation, so get some people sitting, some kneeling, some standing - variation is key. Don't line people up against a wall in a hallway or against a building.



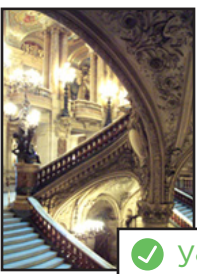
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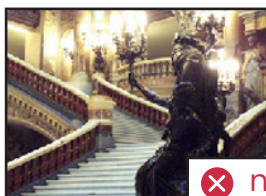
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take some vertical pictures

Make a conscious effort to turn your camera sideways and take some vertical pictures.



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use a plain background

A cluttered background will be distracting. A plain background will emphasize your subject.



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take lots of pictures

It's hard to capture action shots - that's why professionals take hundreds of shots to get one perfect photo. Take at least five shots of every picture you take.



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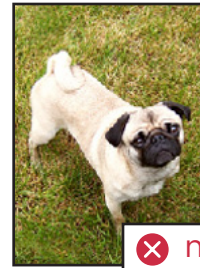
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get down on their level

For kids and animals, kneel down and take photos at their eye level. This creates a much more engaging photo.



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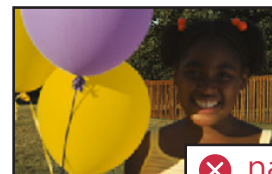
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watch your lighting

Whenever possible, take photos outdoors, even when it's cloudy. Make sure shadows don't fall on your subject. Indoors, try turning off the flash and use the light coming in from a window.



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