

USING DYNAMIC VISUAL SUPPORTS

Videos and animated PowerPoint displays present exciting possibilities as visual supports. Embedding video within PowerPoint presentations is a particularly effective tool for skill and knowledge building, as well as preparing children for upcoming events and sharing past experiences.

Producing videos and PowerPoint presentations requires a fair amount of preparation; however it is well worth the effort. The film should include elements your child will be motivated about as well as items you would like your child to take notice of.

SHOOTING A FILM

Films can be taken from different perspectives. In the film world this is termed the camera view. Which camera view you choose will depend on the purpose of the video.

Teaching Skills and Preparing Children for Upcoming Events

When using film to teach skills and prepare children for upcoming events it is recommended that you use a **point of view shot** (also known as **POV shot** or a **subjective camera**). A point of view shot shows what the child is looking at through their eyes (they don't see themselves). A POV shot is therefore unlikely to include the child. The POV shot needs to be taken from the child's eye level. If your child only reaches your hip height when standing, then hold the camera at this height when filming.

In order to prepare your child for upcoming events you will need to visit the place prior to your child's visit and capture a POV shot on film.

Below is a POV shot of choosing an item from the fridge at a petrol station



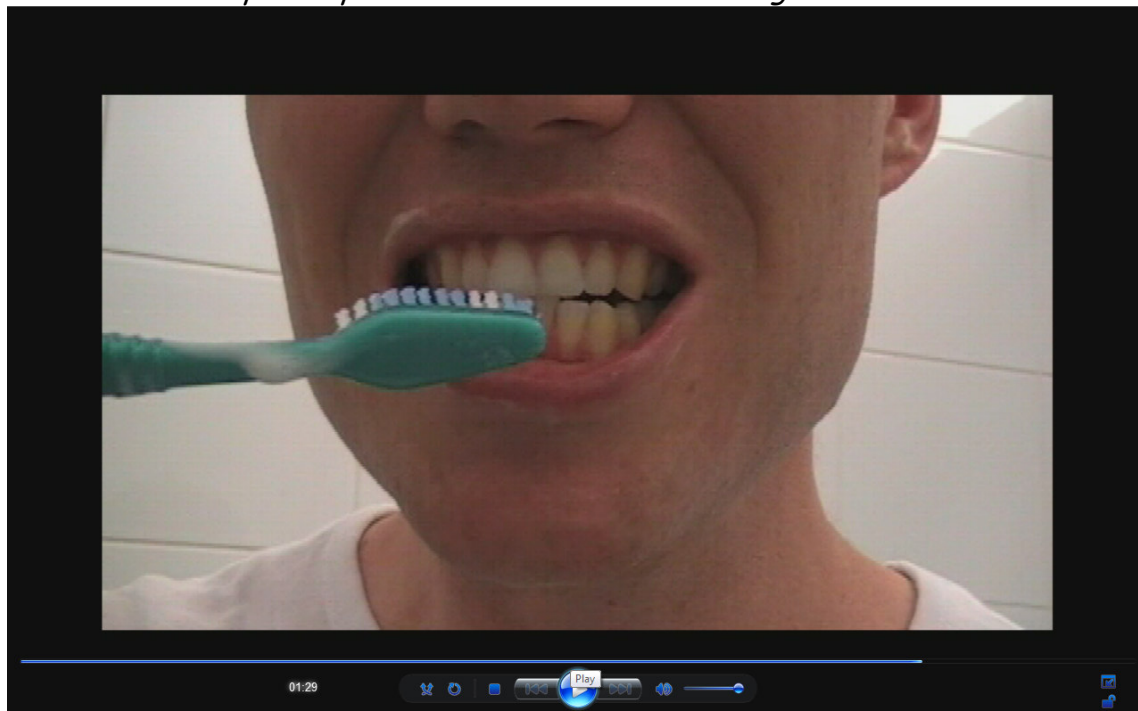
Likewise you will need to film a POV shot of a new skill prior to teaching the skill to your child.

Below is an example of a POV shot when teaching a child how to tie shoelaces.



Close ups that tightly frame important actions or objects are also useful for teaching skills. The close up shot helps screen out irrelevant information.

Below is a close up of important elements when teaching a child to brush their teeth.



Using video to share past events

When using film to share past events with your child then it is best to use a combination of the **follow shot** and the **master shot**. A follow shot pursues your child as they move through an event. A master shot shows an entire event, from start to finish and keeps all relevant people and environmental objects in view.

CREATING A POWERPOINT AND VIDEO PRESENTATION

By embedding video within PowerPoint presentations you can highlight the salient information. The use of the animation features in PowerPoint can also assist to focus your child's attention on key information.