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Clear Things Up: Review Notes

Closer = Better

- The closer you are to your microphone, the less you need to compete with surrounding noise. Remember to keep your microphone close by staying about three feet from your on-camera mic, or clipping your lapel mic near your breastbone.

External Microphone

- If your camera has an external microphone plug, consider using an external microphone for your shoot.
- If your camera doesn't have a microphone plug, consider recording a voice-over on your computer to lay over your video.

Avoid Common Microphone Mistakes

- Don't touch the microphone, or make noise near it (For example: scratching).
- Avoid body movements that cause your microphone to shift.
- Direct your voice toward -- not away from -- your microphone.

Listen to Your Audio with Headphones

- Using your headphones is the single most important thing you can do for your audio.
- They will help isolate what your microphone hears from the ambient noise around you.
- With headphones you can identify audio problems when they are still easy to solve.