

Vlogging—Pre-Intermediate

Let's discuss

A Read the text and answer the questions.

Have you ever recorded yourself speaking in English? Perhaps you have used your webcam or smartphone to make a mini video of yourself?

You can give your opinion about any topic, image, video or song if you record yourself and share it online. This is how vloggers start! You try something and listen to other opinions on the same topic, then record a video sharing your opinion. There are many platforms where you can upload your vlog and receive others' opinions through the comments or with video replies. It is like having an online discussion.

1. Have you ever recorded yourself speaking in English?
2. What topics are interesting to discuss with classmates?

Let's analyse

B Look at the picture and boxes. Students are giving their opinions about a vlogger's synopsis of a movie. Answer the questions in groups.

'It's a great synopsis. He really captured the main idea and the important details of the movie.'

Ally

'It's an interesting video but I think there were some important points missing. I would have loved to hear more about...'

Ana



'I really like the photos he used to show the most important parts of the movie. These reflect the key moments.'

Adam

1. Did all the students like the vlog?
2. Which student thinks there is missing information?
3. Does Adam think the vlogger captured the main idea of the movie?

Let's do it!

Step 1 Work in pairs or groups of three. You are going to give your opinion about a sport or athlete you like by recording yourself and sharing your vlog online. Choose a favourite sport or athlete. Think of interesting information to share:

- When was the sport invented? Where?
- When was the athlete born? What competitions has he/she won?

Step 2 Think about how to give your opinion and make a list of useful phrases to use.

Step 3 Find images of the sport/athlete you are going to discuss.

Step 4 Go online and search for a digital tool for recording, uploading and sharing video files. Decide how you want to record yourself. Will you use a webcam or a microphone on your computer or a smartphone?

Step 5 Remember to speak slowly. Record yourself and listen to the recording before you upload it. Make sure your pronunciation is clear.

Step 6 Go online and upload your vlog. Share the link with your teacher and classmates. Ask them to leave their comments on your vlog space. Do they like the same sport/athlete?

Step 7 Listen to some of your classmates' links. Do you share their opinions? When you finish listening, record a response. Give your opinion about the sport or athlete. Use the list of useful phrases you made earlier. Can you think of some better phrases to use?