

## How to Create Accessible Video

Video is a great tool to use in today's classroom. Now we have access to it in many different formats, and only some of the time do we use standard DVDs or even less rarely VHS. For video files that are downloaded or played from the internet, or copied onto the computer, there are relatively easy ways to make these accessible.

There are two accessibility issues to consider when using video 1) audio accessibility for the hearing impaired and 2) image accessibility for the visually impaired. To address these two issues, an accessible video would provide both captions and audio descriptions of the images. There are standards used for both of these.

- For a detailed explanation of captioning standards and best practices visit [Described and Captioned Media Program website](#).
- For a detailed explanation of audio description standards visit the [Audio Descriptions Coalition Website](#).

To make an accessible video by yourself does require some time and effort. However, for short videos or YouTube videos, this still may be practical to do yourself. The recommended tool for video and audio captioning is MagPie produced by WGBH and the National Center for Accessible Media. This tool is free to download, but no longer works with Mac OS. To find out more about MAGpie, visit the [NCAM website](#).

If you have questions or need help making video accessible, contact the DSS office.