

Media Series – TV Technical Codes – Blockbusters



Name the technical term for

- A frame containing two people, usually head and shoulders (two-shot)
- 2. CU A shot of head and shoulders used to convey emotion or reaction (close-up)
- MES The French term used for "everything within a frame" (mise-enscène)
- 4. ES An extreme long shot used to show where we are, often used as an opening shot (establishing shot)
- 5. HAS The camera looks down on the scene, suggesting weakness (high angle shot)
- A shot which contains full length figures of people from some distance away (long shot)
- 7. LAS The camera looks up at the scene or character, suggesting dominance and power (low angle shot)
- 8. D The type of sound which naturally occurs within the film's story (diegetic)
- ND Sound which is imposed on top of the film e.g. musical soundtrack (nondiegetic)
- 10. MS A shot which shows characters from the waist/hips up (medium shot)
- CF A frame which has boundaries or barriers on each side or above (closed frame)

- 12. SRS Used for conversation, the camera switches from one person to the other and back again (shot-reverse-shot)
- 13. OSS Often used in conversation the camera is positioned behind a character, looking at the other (over the shoulder shot)
- 14. WAS A shot which uses a wide lens to capture more in the frame (wide-angle shot)
- 15. BEV An extreme high angle shot looking down from the sky (birds' eye view)
- 16. WT 'Naturally' occurring background noise e.g. birdsong (wildtrack)
- 17. DF A shot which shows background information in detail whilst close up may be blurred (deep focus)
- 18. An edit whereby the picture gradually diminishes to black or white (fade)
- SB Audio which continues over an edit, forming a link between scenes (sound bridge)
- 20. PF Framing which uses onscreen 'lines' leading us deep into the frame (parallel framing)

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