

The Selfie

In this lesson, we'll be taking a look at
The Selfie.



If you see a magnifying glass at the bottom right corner of a photo, click on that photo to make it full screen.

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The selfie may be much maligned, but often it seems the selfie is the most popular form of photo there is!

A selfie refers to a photo that one takes of ones self - or with some friends - or with someone famous, at a popular event, or doing something dangerous.



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Your phone camera is actually two cameras (perhaps more, on some iPhone models, for example) - one on the back of the camera, and one on the front.

The camera(s) on the back of the phone are superior to the camera on the front of the camera. Whereas the camera on the back may be 12-16 megapixels, the camera on the front is likely to be 2-8 megapixels. And it is unlikely to have as big a sensor, or a flash, or features like optical image stabilization.



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Take Your Selfies From Slightly Above the Eyeline. Photos taken from slightly above the eyeline tend to be more flattering than photos taken from below.



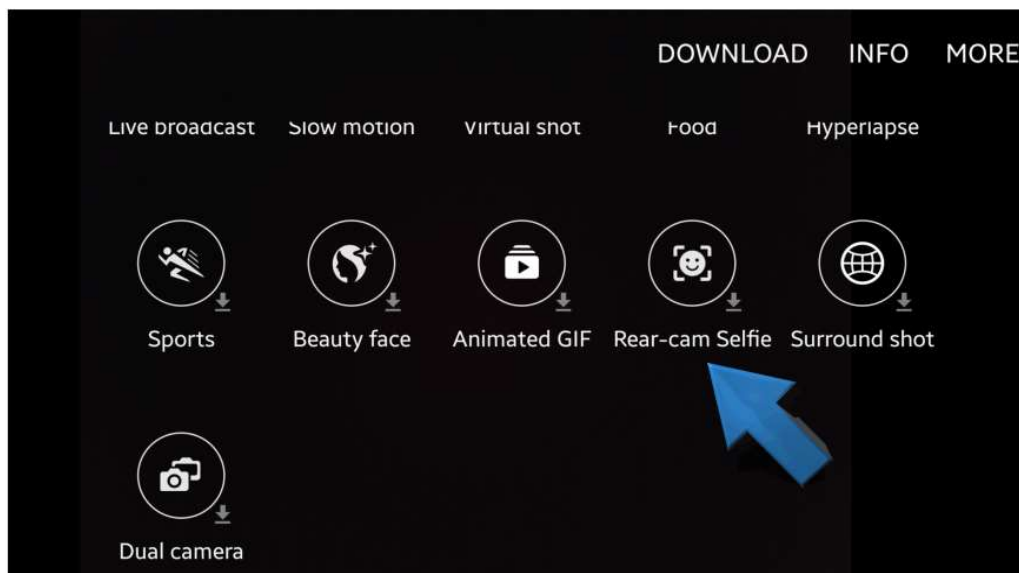
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Rear Camera Selfies. Although it is a lot easier to take selfies with the front camera - as you can see what you are taking a photo of - you can try with the rear camera. This is easier if you have a feature like voice control enabled, or a camera timer. Aim it at your face, and hope the auto focus and auto exposure do their jobs!



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Software. Using the rear camera can be made easier using the right software. The Samsung cameras have an addon called **Rear-cam Selfie**, where the camera, in this mode, looks for a face, auto focuses, and automatically takes the shot after beeping for a few seconds.



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Wide Selfie. In fact, the Samsung also has a mode called **Wide Selfie**. In this mode, the front camera is used, but the software will guide you on screen to tilt the camera to the left and the right, and it stitches a series of photos together. The result is a selfie with a wide angle look and feel.



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Well done. You've now completed this lesson.

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