Media Arts Vocabulary

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SCALE

The comparison of objects, or the amount of one thing to the whole.

Photographers use different camera angles to create scale. By comparing the size of one object to another, it can give more or less importance to it. By including people or common objects in a scene, the viewer can quickly understand the scale. Below the same waterfall is shot two ways; one with hikers and one without to show us just how big it really is.





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High angles make objects appear smaller. This is NYC shot from above, looking down.





Low angles make objects appear bigger. This is NYC from the ground looking up.

Tip: Try shooting from a different angle to create a fresh, new perspective of your subject.

