

Photographer's Checklist:

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PREPARE:

- LENS:
 - Clean & spot free?
- BATTERY:
 - Charged?
 - Have spares?
- MEMORY:
 - Memory cards formatted?
 - Bringing enough?
- CHOOSE IMAGE QUALITY:
 - RAW ~ or ~ JPEG?
- LEVEL? *(Only applies if using a tripod.)*
 - Check bubble level; camera level?

BEGIN ~ CHECK SETTINGS:

- ISO:
 - Set correctly for this shot? *(Or, accidentally still set on ISO from last shoot?)*
- WHITE BALANCE:
 - Set correctly? *(Auto white balance is fine if shooting RAW.)*
- METERING MODE:
 - Proper mode selected? *(Typically evaluative or matrix metering.)*
- SHOOTING MODE:
 - Camera in correct shooting mode? *(fully automatic, manual, aperture priority, or shutter priority)*
- DRIVE MODE:
 - Single ~ or ~ continuous *(burst)* shooting?
- FOCUS:
 - Auto focus ~ or ~ manual focus?

TAKING PICTURES:

- TEST SHOT:
 - Composition?
 - Adjust settings if needed
- UNWANTED OBJECTS:
 - Trash, something too bright, etc. in scene?
 - Move it if you can. Change your perspective if you can't.
- BACKGROUND:
 - Cluttered? Free of distractions?
 - Anything sticking out of top of subject's head?
(e.g. pole, stick, grass, etc.)



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