

# Photography Kick-Start Guide: Adjusting Your Camera's Settings for the Photo You

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When you have completed answering the questions print it out and draw what each setting looks like in the boxes provided under each setting.

## **Automatic**



1. When a camera is set to automatic what decisions does the photographer have to make?

## **Program and Program-Shift**



2. What is another way to name the Program mode?
3. How do you change one of the recommended settings while using the Program mode?
4. Why is it helpful for the way this class is structured that the Program mode does not remember settings?

## **Aperture Priority**



5. When is aperture priority most useful? What does it automatically adjust for you?

## **Shutter Priority**



6. The user selects the shutter speed they want to shoot at, what does the camera automatically adjust for you?

### **Manual**

7. What does manual mean?
8. How long does the shutter stay open in Bulb mode? When would this be helpful (bright sunlight, sun set, sun down, night)?

### **Preset Scene Modes**

9. What do the preset scene modes do? Name them.

### **Portrait**

10. What are the two main factors to consider when choosing this mode? Is it only for shooting people?

### **Landscape/Scenic**

11. What should be the defining characteristic of your shot if you are choosing this mode?

### **Sports/Action/Children/Pets**

12. What is this setting best for? What does it feature?

### **Close-Up/Macro**



- 13. What rule of composition will you want to use this setting for?
- 14. How do cameras differ in their ability to focus?

### **Night**



- 15. Because this setting will keep your shutter open for a long time, what do you need to use to make sure your shots are not out of focus?
- 16. What is substituted in night photography to capture the ambient light?

### **Exposure Compensation**



- 17. What does this setting do?

### **Auto Focus**

- 18. How is single auto focus different from continuous auto focus?