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Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others, cannot keep it from themselves.
~Anonymous

Web Sites

[MyVocabulary.com: Vocabulary University Alphalary A-to-Z Vocabulary Word Lists](#)

This page features 390 different "ALPHALARY" A-to-Z word lists in 14 different subjects/categories. Click on any Word List and you will automatically go to an A-to-Z page where you can see and print the number of words in your chosen category.

<https://www.myvocabulary.com/word-list/>

[English Club: Learn English: Vocabulary: Topic Vocabulary](#)

Links to lists of vocabulary words with sixteen different topics. Topics include sports, music, movies, TV, time, festivals, holidays, and more.

<https://www.englishclub.com/vocabulary/topic.htm>

[100 SAT Words Beginning with "A"](#)

This site contains a list of 100 words from the SAT that begin with the letter "A". Teachers can digitally assign this list to their students to reinforce the spellings, pronunciations, and meanings of these words

<https://www.vocabulary.com/lists/148703#view=notes>

Hardware/Software

How to use Portrait Mode like a pro

Portrait Mode has quickly become the standout feature on the iPhone 7 Plus. When you get the new dual-lens camera in the hands of pro photographers, it's not hard to see why.

Apple published a new guide that reveals how photographers are using the new Portrait Mode. Most of the tips are pretty simple and can be mastered quickly.

Here's how to get the most out of Portrait Mode with iPhone 7 Plus.

Get close

“Get up close to your subject to bring out the details,” says JerSean Golatt. Portrait Mode is “important for storytelling as a whole and adds value for those with lower than commercial budgets and brings speed to share their stories like never before.”

Simplify the scene

Celebrity photography Jeremy Cowart recommends shooters “cut out the distractions from your subject” by minimizing the backgrounds.

Fine-tune exposure – Lighting is everything.

Apple lets you adjust the exposure by dragging the bar down near the focus point. Cowart says “pulling the exposure down just a hair really makes my images look more cinematic.” He also recommends putting your subject in the shade with the sun behind them to create a nice backlit look.

Pet portraits

The iPhone 7 Plus can make your pet pictures look like they were shot by a DSLR. World traveler Pei Ketron advises photographers to “give your pup some space. Portrait mode uses the telephoto lens, so a distance of about eight feet away is recommended. Have treats ready. You’ll get the best results when your subject isn’t moving.”

Find the perfect light

“Having soft, diffused lighting will help with keeping the photo flattering to your subject,” says wedding photographer Benj Haisch. “Find a space that isn’t too busy or distracting, as Portrait mode will create a photo that really pops.”

Hints/Tips

Hey! Don't Bother Me!

It is sometimes really annoying as I am falling asleep to get a notification and the screen lights up and I am wondering whether to ignore it or not.

Or just when you are giving that important Keynote presentation to the class, your best buddy texts you some inappropriate message. Well, Do Not Disturb to the rescue!

In both iOS and macOS, you can engage “Do Not Disturb” manually at any time. That’s perfect if you want to make sure your iPhone doesn’t make noise in the

theater or prevent your Mac from showing notifications while showing your latest work to your boss.

In iOS, you can ask Siri to set the iPhone to Do Not Disturb or go to Settings > Do Not Disturb and toggle the Manual switch, or better yet, swipe up from the bottom of the screen to reveal Control Center and tap the Do Not Disturb button. A crescent moon moon-inline icon appears in the status bar at the top of the screen when Do Not Disturb is on.

On your Mac, click the Notification Center icon in the top-right corner of the screen, scroll up to reveal the Do Not Disturb controls, and toggle the switch. For a quicker way, Option-click the Notification Center icon. If you have upgraded to Sierra, Siri can control Do Not Disturb as well. The Notification Center icon is light gray instead of black when Do No Disturb is on.

You can turn Do Not Disturb off manually (which is a good idea if you've disabled it on your iPhone during a doctor's appointment, for instance). On the Mac, it turns off automatically at midnight.

No one wants to enable Do Not Disturb manually every night. Happily, both iOS and macOS can turn it on automatically on a schedule.

In iOS, go to Settings > Do Not Disturb, turn on the Scheduled switch, and tap the From/To times to adjust when it should turn on and off automatically. On the Mac, open System Preferences > Notifications > Do Not Disturb, select the checkbox next to the time fields, and enter from From and To times.

The Mac offers a few welcome options that automatically engage Do Not Disturb when the display is sleeping (usually a no-brainer) and when mirroring the display to a TV or projector (which should prevent those notifications during presentations).

In iOS, you can choose which calls can break through Do Not Disturb's cone of silence. On both platforms, you can allow repeated calls through — if someone wants to get in touch badly enough to try twice in quick succession, it's probably important.

Riddles You Can Tell in Class

1 – A man builds a house with all 4 sides facing south. A bear walks past the house. What color is the bear?

2 – A man drove all the way from New York to San Francisco only to

discover at the end of the trip that he had a flat tire from the very start., yet his car was completely unaffected by it. How is this possible?

3 – A railroad crossing, look for the cars; Can you spell all that without any R's?

1 – White: the house is built directly on the North Pole.

2 – It was his spare tire that was flat.

3– T-H-A-T

This Day in History

Birthdates which occurred on January 11:

1757 Alexander Hamilton West Indies, 1st US Secretary of Treasury (\$10 face)

1926 Grant Tinker broadcasting executive (NBC-TV)

1928 David L Wolper producer (Devil's Brigade)

1929 Rod Taylor Sydney Australia, actor (Bearcats, Time Machine)

1946 Naomi Judd [Diana Ellen], Ashland KY, singer (Judds-Why Not Me)

1957 Darryl Dawkins NBA center (Philadelphia 76ers, New Jersey Nets)

On This Day:

1672 Isaac Newton is elected a member of Royal Society

1693 Mt Etna erupts, Sicily

1785 Continental Congress convenes in New York City NY

1805 Michigan Territory is organized

1813 1st pineapples planted in Hawaii

1861 Alabama becomes 4th state to secede

1861 Mexico City captured by Juárez (Liberal) in War of the Reform

1863 Naval engagement near Galveston between CSS Alabama & USS Hatteras

1913 1st sedan-type car (Hudson) goes on display at 13th Auto Show (New York City NY)

1922 Insulin 1st used to treat diabetes (Leonard Thompson, 14, of Canada)

1935 Amelia Earhart flies from Honolulu HI to Oakland CA (non-stop, of course)

1943 US & Britain relinquish extraterritorial rights in China

1963 1st discotheque opens, The Whiskey-a-go-go in Los Angeles CA

1964 Panamá ends diplomatic relations with US

1966 "Daktari" African adventure series premieres on CBS TV

1969 "Hooked on a Feeling" by BJ Thomas peaks at #5

1973 American League adopts designated hitter rule

1973 Trial of the Watergate burglars begins in Washington DC

1974 ABC airs final episode of "Love, American Style"

1976 Dorothy Hamill wins her 3rd consecutive national figure skating

championship

1977 Cubs trade outfielder Rick Monday to Dodgers for Bill Buckner

1984 Supreme Court reinstated \$10M award to Karen Silkwood's family

1988 USSR announces it will participate in the Seoul Summer Olympics

1989 Kindergarten student caught with loaded handgun at Bronx school

1989 Denver Nuggets' rookie Jerome Lane misses 7 free throws in a game against Milwaukee, one missed by 2 feet

1990 Bobby Knight becomes basketball's Big 10 winningest coach (229)

1991 Ben Johnson 1st race after being stripped of his 1988 Olympic Gold medal for steroid use, he finished

2nd

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