

Technology for Seniors – Digital Imaging



Term	It means...	Some extra comments
Selfie	An image taken by the user with phone or tablet with the user as the main subject.	Can be hand held or use a selfie stick. (see below)
Camera	A camera is included in most smartphones and tablets. There is usually a forward and backward facing camera (for selfies) You can of course use a normal camera for capturing images	Phones are convenient for pictures. Tablets are clumsy. Cameras will almost always give a better quality picture with more possible adjustments. Phones and tablets can be affected by sunlight on the display, making some picture taking difficult. Small covers can be used on compact cameras to prevent sunlight problems. Higher quality digital cameras will have viewfinders that avoid sunlight issues.
Photo	Cameras can make still images or 'photos'	Digital technology means that photos are stored electronically. These can be printed in various ways or viewed on a phone, tablet, computer or TV.
Video	Cameras can also make video images	Most phone, tablet and normal cameras can switch between still and video. Video takes a very steady hand, tripod or other support.
Selfie Stick	This is an extension arm that can hold the phone further from the user. Does not have to be used just for selfies as you can use it to shoot over other's heads or other angles.	A selfie stick is usually telescopic and has a button that works with Bluetooth to set off the camera. This extends your reach so the picture is at a more reasonable distance. Watch out for others. A selfie stick can be a nuisance.

Back up	Storage used for photos and videos needs to be safe. Although internal camera, phone or tablet storage can be used it is useful to back up to some other storage device such as USB sticks or cloud storage.	Many phones and tablets provide 'cloud storage'. This is not usually Back-up rather synchronised storage. It is synchronised with your devices so if you delete something off your phone or tablet it will be deleted from cloud storage. Proper back-up needs an alternative strategy.
Gallery (Android) or Photos (Apple)	Storage location on phone or tablet for photos and videos	When you want to review your pictures and videos you need to use the Gallery or Photos app on your phone or tablet.
Photobook	A photo album that is designed in an app or online and then sent for printing and binding.	These are much more flexible than conventional photo albums as you can include text, maps as well as images.
Photo Editing	Software modification of a photo with the aim of improvement or special effect	Some apps can provide automated photo editing. Enthusiasts and professionals will use more flexible and complex software which takes quite some time to learn.
Video Editing	Modification of a video(s) with the aim of improvement or adding special effects. This can include joining 'clips', adding narration, music and modifying the type of video file.	Video editing can be very time consuming. It may be that the editing time is about 10 to 100 times as long as the video 'clips' that are used. There is also the need to learn video editing software. Some basic editing is possible in simple apps.
Direct Upload	Sending a photo or video direct to social media after shooting.	Some apps allow images or videos to be 'shared' immediately from the file folders. In some cases the image or video can be shot from within the social media app.