Quickstart Guide

NIKON D5100





Step 1:

Take off the lens cover. Turn the power switch on and rotate the mode dial to auto.



Step 2:

Use both hands to hold the camera - one hand on the grip on the right hand side, and the other hand placed under the camera and lens. Look into the viewfinder. this is the view that the camera will capture.



Step 3:

To zoom in and out, rotate the zoom ring on the lens* (*if a zoom lens is attached. If a prime lens is attached, the view is fixed and you cannot zoom in or out).



Step 4:

To focus the lens on a subject in the viewfinder, press the shutter button lightly. If done correctly you will hear a beep to alert you that your subject is in focus. Do not release the shutter button.

To take a photo, fully press the shutter button.



Step 5:

To view the captured photo/s, press the play button. To resume taking photos, lightly press the shutter button as you would when focusing.

Tips:

- Practice focusing and then capturing photos by lightly pressing the shutter button, and fully pressing the shutter button. You will get a feel for the shutter button's tolerance when pressed as it moves from focusing (half press) to capturing (full press).
- If you want to focus on a subject that is not in the centre of the viewfinder, you can half press the shutter button (without releasing it) to first focus on the subject, and then you can move the camera around to your desired view. Once you have re-framed the scene, fully press the shutter button to capture the footage.
- In some cases, either in low light conditions or when using an entry-level zoom lens, your shots may become blurry. To stabilise your shot, you can angle your elbows in towards your body and rest them on your chest. Alternatively, use a tripod.

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