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## HANDOUT 3.4 FILM ROLES REQUIRED TO MAKE *TALKIN' TRUE*

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### Director

A film director is someone who is in charge of making sure that every component of a movie runs smoothly. Generally, these directors work on a movie from its conception stage to its delivery stage. They have a say in how the scenes unfold, what props are going to be used, how the characters should look, and who should play specific parts. Directors also work with individuals in charge of lighting, scenery, writing, and so forth, to make sure that all of the elements come together. The director is in charge of the three main phases, which are pre-production, production and post-production. Generally, he or she does not actually do the work for post-production, but is in charge of overseeing it. <sup>1</sup>

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### Camera Operator

A camera operator is someone who records images that entertain or inform an audience. Camera operators capture a wide range of material for TV shows, motion pictures, music videos, documentaries, and news and sporting events. Most work in the motion picture industry or television broadcasting.

#### Duties

- Choose and present interesting material for an audience.
- Work with a director to determine the overall vision of the production.
- Discuss filming and editing techniques with a director to improve a scene.
- Select the appropriate equipment, from type of camera to software for editing.
- Shoot or edit a scene based on the director's vision.<sup>2</sup>

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### Actor

Actors depict characters in stories using their voices, appearances, bodies and gestures. They can work in movies, television, commercials, theatre, theme parks and clubs. While working as an actor, they perform for entertainment and informational purposes. Actors can play main characters or supporting roles, and they must audition for casting directors to land a part.

#### Duties

- After securing a role, the actor studies the script to learn about the character and memorise the speaking parts.
- Sometimes scripts change during rehearsals, and actors may find themselves memorising new lines.
- Actors work under the director who advises them on how to portray the characters.
- To bring the character to life, actors change their voices, dialects, facial expressions and other traits.
- In addition to wearing costumes, actors use props, which they must learn to use appropriately. <sup>3</sup>

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1 <https://www.careerexplorer.com/careers/film-director/>

2 <https://www.careerexplorer.com/careers/camera-operator/>

3 [https://study.com/articles/Actor\\_Job\\_Description\\_Duties\\_and\\_Salary\\_Information.html](https://study.com/articles/Actor_Job_Description_Duties_and_Salary_Information.html)