

A Guide for Self-Recording

LOCATION

Take note of where you're going to be recording. You want to be in a nice quiet space. If you're recording at home, somewhere you can shut the doors and windows is best. You don't want to be somewhere too large, like a hall or gym, because your voice will echo and the sound quality won't be great. A normal, carpeted family living room or small classroom will do fine. Don't position yourself with your back to a window, the camera will focus on the light coming through and we won't be able to see you! Only one person should be filmed at a time. The only people in the room should be the person singing and the person recording, should you need help.



Try and find a room where you can stand in front of a plain wall, door or curtain. The background behind you when you film needs to be as simple as possible! Basically, we want the focus to be on YOU... not anything in the background that might try and steal the focus, like displays, posters, photos and books!

RECORDING

Filming on a modern smartphone or tablet, using the default camera app, is the best thing you can do. Anything from the last 3 years is great. If you only have access to something older, no problem. Use the best device you have and continue with the recording!

You will need also need a second device like a phone, with some earphones, so that when you are ready to record you can play your backing track, listening to it through your earphones, and you can sing along. It's very simple and very clever! You hear your backing track and the music you need to perform, but the first device filming you, only hears your singing. Perfect!



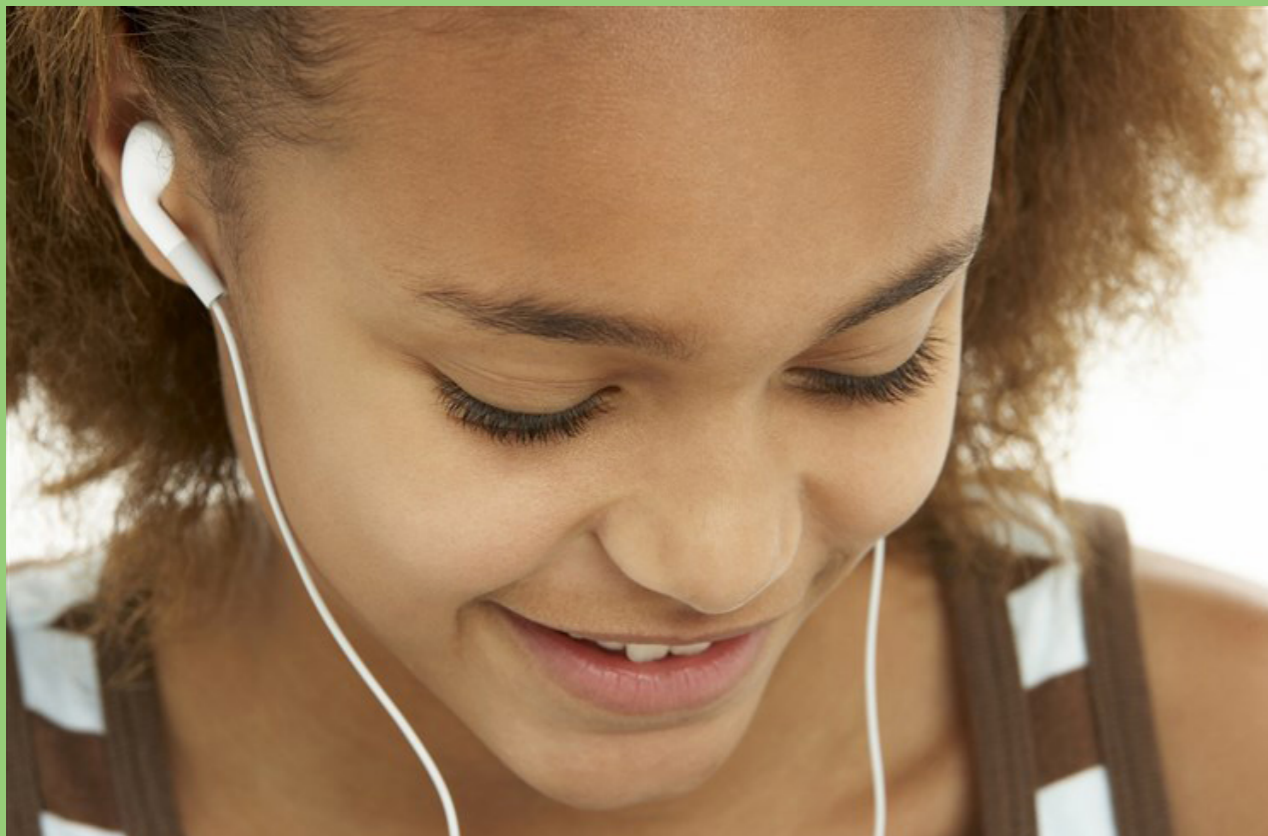
Make sure to use the **rear camera only** on your device to record. These are much higher quality than the front selfie camera on your phone or tablet.

Position the camera on a stand, or ask someone to hold it **horizontally, not vertically**. They should be framed similarly to the picture above, and **not** like the one to the left.

RECORDING

Before each song, you'll need to make sure you start a new recording. So if you're singing three songs, you'll have three separate videos. Make sure to say your name, school, and the title of the song you'll be singing to the camera at the start of each video. Then, with your headphones in, start the audio so that you can hear your backing track, CLAP when the track tells you to and then... begin singing!

After you have done one recording of each song following all of the steps above, feel free to have another go... you might decide to do this (still wearing your school uniform) at home.

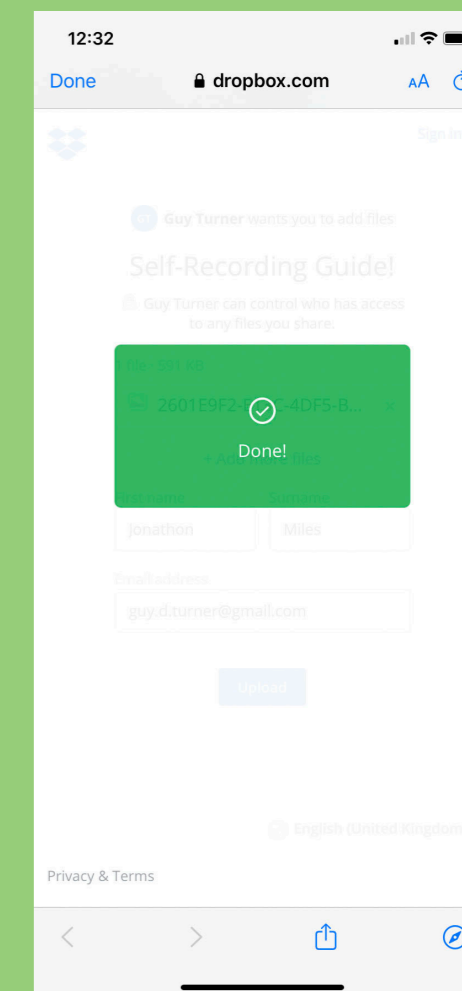
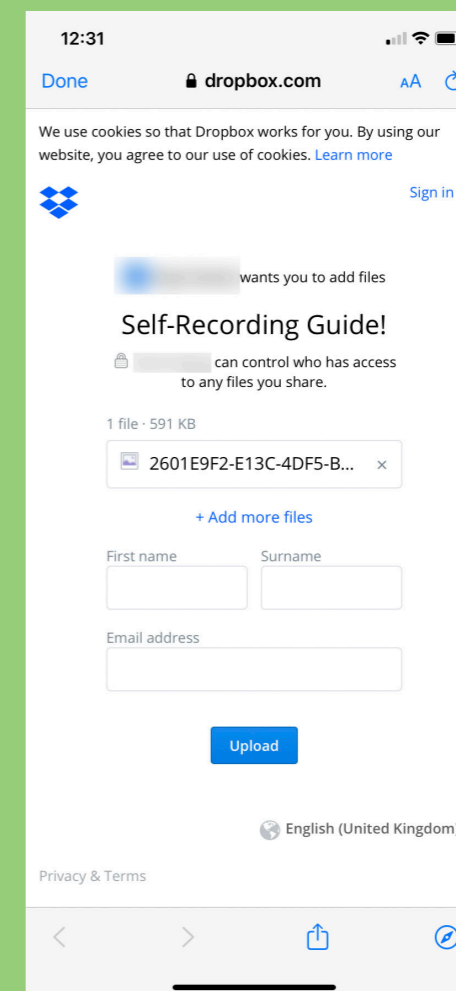
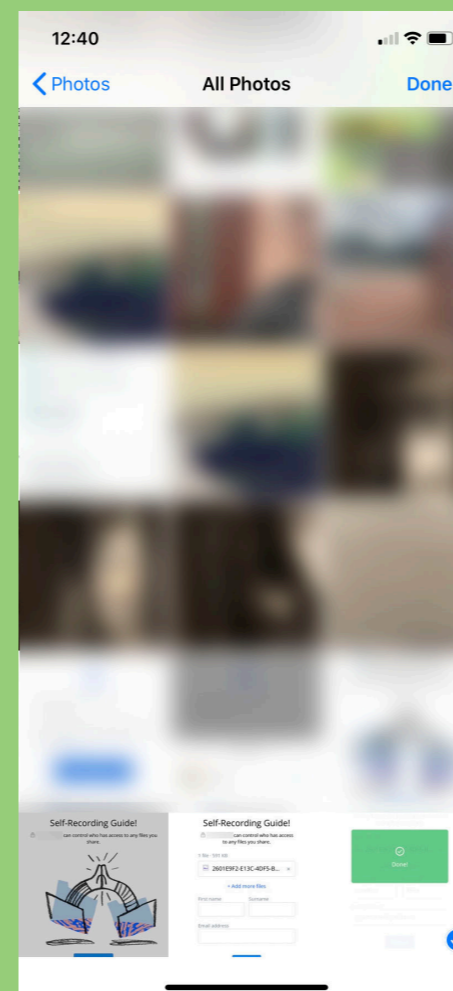
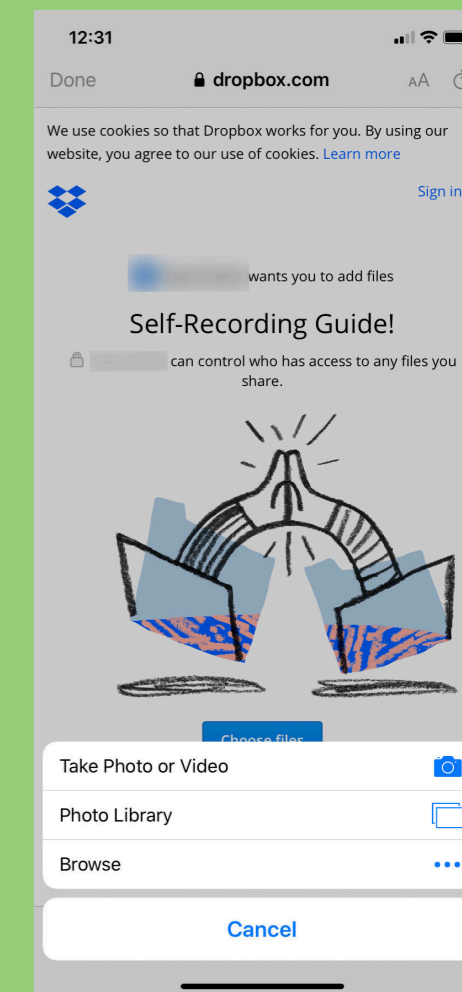
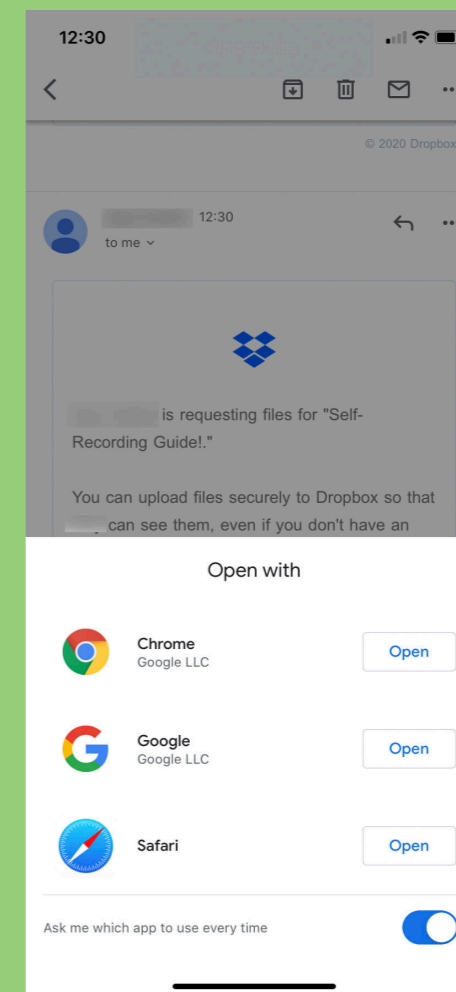
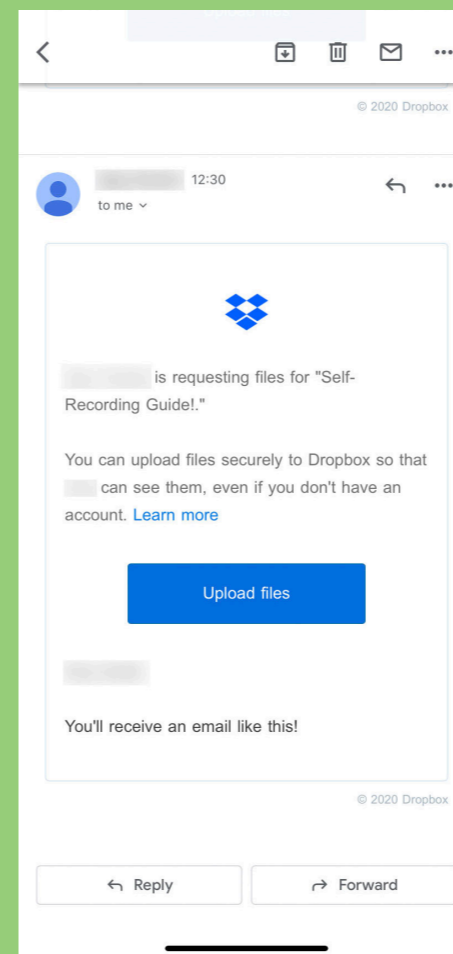


This time, why not be more creative and throw out some of our rules about backgrounds and angles? Try different things, think creatively about the lyrics and have some fun with angles, locations (indoors... outdoors...) and you could even make up some actions to go with the songs. There's no requirement to record additional versions, but we welcome any extra submissions!

UPLOADING

Uploading your recordings is simple!

1. You will receive an email with a 'File Request' link from Dropbox. Open this on your device in either your preferred mail app or in a browser.
2. Press 'Upload Files' and open your preferred browser. It should work fine on Chrome, Safari and other common mobile browsers.
3. You'll be taken to a Dropbox web page, asking you to upload files. Press the blue 'Choose Files' button. Then press 'Photo Library'.
4. Select all of the videos you want to upload by tapping on each one, then press done.
5. You will see a screen asking you to fill in your name and email address. Please do so, otherwise you will be unable to finish the upload. Press the blue 'Upload' button.
6. Wait a few minutes for the files to upload, and you will be shown a confirmation screen, letting you know it was all successful!



DONE!

Thank you for all your hard work, great job! We hope this guide has been useful and clear to use.

Please note; no one else uploading photos or videos to the Dropbox folder will be able to access or see anyone else's files. All data is collected and handled in compliance with data protection laws.

If you have any questions drop us a line at:

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We can't wait to share this project with you all!

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