

CAMERA BAG CHEAT SHEETS

Print at 100% (actual size), then cut along the outlines. Each card is exactly 4 x 6 inches.

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SHUTTER SPEED

A quick guide to freezing or showing motion

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TRY THIS SPEED FOR... FASTER ↓

1/30	STILL / CREATIVE Supported camera or intentional blur
1/125	EVERYDAY General handheld, little movement
1/250	WALKING People moving at a casual pace
1/500	KIDS + PETS Running or unpredictable movement
1/1000+	FAST ACTION Sports, birds in flight, splashes

BLURRY? Try a faster shutter.

TOO DARK? Raise ISO, widen aperture or add light.

STARTING POINTS, NOT RULES
Light, lens, distance and subject speed change the result.
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ISO MADE EASY

When to raise ISO - and when not to

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ROUGH STARTING RANGES LESS LIGHT ↓

100-200	BRIGHT LIGHT Sunny outdoors / lots of daylight
400-800	SHADE + CLOUD Less light but still outdoors
800-1600	INDOORS Available room light; check shutter
1600+	DIM / ACTION Raise as needed to keep it sharp

THE TRADEOFF
Higher ISO → brighter setting + more visible noise risk

PRIORITY: Get a sharp photo first.
High ISO often beats motion blur. Auto ISO can help.

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Your camera, light and motion affect these ranges.
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