

12 Camera Mounting 1

Get ready!

1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 What are some different types of camera heads?
- 2 What are some different types of camera mounting surfaces?

Findlay
Camera
Supply, Inc.

Findlay has all the equipment you need for **camera mounting**. *Check out our wide range of brands and styles!*

Camera Heads — You'll love our low prices on standard **geared heads**. They're great for everyday shooting. Or try a **fluid head** for extra-smooth movements. We also have **underslung heads** and **Dutch heads** for specialized movements. Are you mounting your camera at the top of a crane? Maintain precision control with our excellent **remote heads**.

Camera Mounts — Keep your camera secure and steady with a **high hat**. You'll also want a **tilt plate** for flexible positioning. We carry **rocker plates** for smooth **handheld** motion. And every camera operator needs a convenient, portable **tripod**.

Products
Camera Mounts



underslung
head

remote head

camera head

tripod

handheld

geared head

Vocabulary

3 Match the words or phrases (1-7) with the definitions (A-G).

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|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1 __ tripod | 5 __ rocker plate |
| 2 __ high hat | 6 __ camera head |
| 3 __ tilt plate | 7 __ camera mounting |
| 4 __ handheld | |

- A the process of placing a camera on supporting equipment
- B a fixed surface that a camera head sits upon
- C carried by a user rather than a piece of equipment
- D a surface that allows a camera to move up and down
- E a piece of equipment that secures a camera to a mount
- F a surface that allows panning and tilting during a shot
- G a three-legged device that supports a camera

Reading

2 Read the webpage. Then, mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 __ According to the webpage, underslung heads are best for everyday shooting.
- 2 __ The webpage recommends remote heads for crane mounting.
- 3 __ A rocker plate can improve handheld camera movements.

9 Fill in the blanks with the correct phrases:

fluid head, remote head, Dutch head, geared head, underslung head.

- 1 The camera operator used a(n) _____ to tilt the camera left and right.
- 2 A(n) _____ can be operated from some distance away.
- 3 A(n) _____ is recommended for heavier cameras.
- 4 For better vertical range, the camera operator chose a(n) _____.
- 5 If especially smooth panning is needed, use the _____.

10 Listen to and read the webpage again.
Which camera head is best for mounting on a crane?

Listening

11 Listen to a conversation between a cinematographer and a salesperson. Check (✓) the equipment that the man needs.

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> tilt plate | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> high hat |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> geared head | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> remote head |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> underslung head | |

12 Listen again and complete the conversation.

- Cinematographer:** Excuse me. I'm looking for a good **1** _____.
- Salesperson:** I'd be happy to help. What **2** _____ is it for?
- Cinematographer:** The camera needs to tilt up and down smoothly. My geared heads don't have **3** _____.
- Salesperson:** You might try an underslung head. It allows for excellent **4** _____.
- Cinematographer:** That sounds great. Can I mount that **5** _____?
- Salesperson:** Sure. Actually, we have one that's also a **6** _____.

Speaking

8 With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 7. Then, switch roles.

USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:

Excuse me. I'm looking for ...

I'd be happy to ...

You might try ...

Student A: You are a cinematographer. Talk to Student B about:

- a piece of mounting equipment you need
- the type of shot the mounting equipment is for
- his/her recommendations

Student B: You are a salesperson. Talk to Student A about mounting equipment that he or she needs.

Writing

9 Use the webpage and the conversation from Task 8 to complete the email from a cinematographer to an assistant.

NEW MESSAGE
HOME

Hi Peter,

I need you to order some camera mounting equipment today. First, I need _____.

This is for _____.

_____ . I also need _____.

_____ . This is better than my current equipment because _____.

_____ . Finally, I need _____.

_____ . I will use this to _____.

Thanks,

Greta