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**Get Focused**

LT: Understand how auto-focus works on your camera.

SC: Consistently take photos with the focal point or subject in focus.

Your camera has auto-focus, but you still need to make sure it focuses where you want it to.

When you push the shutter button halfway down, you should hear a beep and see a green rectangle (or some other sign) on your screen. The green rectangle is telling you where the camera is focused. Things that are nearer or farther away than whatever the green rectangle is on might not be in focus. If you hold the button in this halfway down position, the focus will stay set at that same distance.

1. Try focusing on different objects at different distances from your camera. What observations can you make about how your camera’s auto-focus works?
2. Sometimes auto-focus will choose to focus on the background instead of on the subject of your photo. Take a right and wrong set of photos where you make this happen.

**First:** Take a photo with the camera focused on the background instead of the subject.

**Second:** Take the same photo, but with the camera focused on the subject.

**Third:** Transfer and properly name your two photo files.

Name your files like this:

LastName FirstName ProjectName – Background Focus DescriptiveTitle

LastName FirstName ProjectName – Subject Focus DescriptiveTitle

Homer Simpson would name his:

Simpson Homer Get Focused – Background Focus Monkey in a Vest

Simpson Homer Get Focused – Subject Focus Monkey in a Vest

**Fourth:** Make copies for yourself and move the completed original files to the class folder.