

BEING A VIDEO CLASS SUPERSTAR

Learn the **three biggest video class oopsies**, the secret to being a **great digital classmate** and why **pjs are not fashionable online classwear**.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

What is not allowed in a video classroom
Managing technology for your online learning
How to be an effective online classmate



I'm a star!

Being on camera is something lots of people love to do.

While there won't be many people that get to the 130 million subs that **T-Series** have for strutting their Bollywood stuff, chances are you've been on **TikTok**, or **YouTube**, **Instagram** or **Facebook** to show the world a little bit of what you love.

Whether you an instafamous influencer or a total nonfluencer,* the stuff you usually do on cam isn't going to cut it when you are spending more of your time learning in in a video classroom.

But even though there are some **big video classroom oopsies**, and **some serious rules** we all have to pay attention to, it's still possible to have **Your Time To Shine**.

We'll show you how.

**We made that up. It describes someone who posts pictures of their cat and has 0 followers.*

No-no, no-no.



There are some rules that **you must observe**. They are:

Just your face, please: when you are in a video classroom, **you should only show your face**. You **must appear on camera fully-clothed** (your school will advise what is appropriate) and you must ensure that others who share your home **do not appear on camera**.

Be respectful: just as you would in the classroom, you are expected to maintain **an exemplary standard of behaviour** towards your peers and teachers.


This includes not engaging in or promoting **harassment**, posting **defamatory content**, the use of **inappropriate language**, or sending **offensive messages**.

You must at all times be **respectful towards others**. You must not support or **encourage others to engage in offensive, inappropriate or hurtful online behaviour**.

The three biggest video class oopsies.

MUTE IT

When you are not speaking, **mute your microphone.**

You can set your software to do this automatically when you start a class, or your teacher may do it for you. In **Zoom** you can use the space bar or the little  microphone icon to do it.

No-one wants to hear your sibling screaming their heads off when they can't find their Nikes.

You might have to listen to it, but it's not for sharing.



LIGHT IT UP

Make sure you **have the lights on.**

Your teacher and classmates don't want to see some shadowy creature bobbing about. They want to see marvellous you.

If you forget to turn your mic on too, it will be a silent mysterious blob, which is worse.

It's easy to forget though because your eyes adjust to the light as it changes - but your camera finds it harder to do. **Lights. Camera. Action.**



NO-NO-NO NOTIFICATIONS

It's really easy to get sidetracked when you are not in class, especially when you might have your mobile nearby and all those lovely distracting notifications come in about how **Lachie is hangry, bro** or Jessica's news that **Sam is in ship so hard with Mel and she's salty** (LOL Whut? Awks. you might be tempted to reply).

But every time you glance at your phone you're not really there. **You really need to be listening because there's some important stuff going on in your classes.**

So **turn those notifications to silent** and be there with your teacher and your class. It shows you care about your learning – and about everyone else's.



How to be an online course hero.

Now you are **out of your pjs**, you've **got control of your mic**, and your **notifications are on silent** it's your time to shine and be **the best digital classmate you can**. Here's how you do it and win instant admiration and total respect.

I HAS INTERNETS

The whole wifi thing is pretty easy now. Walk in the door and **BOOM** 10 megawaffles of glorious internets.

But while it mostly works, sometimes it doesn't, and when you are due to be in a video class it's super important that you don't get that UNABLE TO CONNECT message.

So, we say **go full-on Cub Scout and be prepared**. Test your connection by **opening a webpage** or **firing up Zoom**. Check your **'puter is powered up**. Check your **mouse stylus** and **camera** are working. Check those **cables** are nice and tight and not going to get pulled out when your cantankerous kitty comes to play. (Cats love internets. There are so many cat pictures that you might think they invented the internet. Maybe they did).

Being prepared is not just for you, **it's for everyone else, too**. Show some respect and **be there on time with everything doing its thing**.

And **if you have some technical tips to share** that might help, you can do that too.

NO LURKING

It's going to be **busy in your online classroom**.

Your teacher will set their **ground rules for your lesson** – which may include using some of the features of **Zoom** like digitally **raising your hand to talk** or posting **comments to ask questions**.

But you can step up and be superhero helpful and **speak up**. Does Batman shy away from danger? Nope. Does Superwoman hide in the garage? No way.

Just like in regular class, **your classmates learn a lot from you**.

Online, where some of your classmates might be a bit less sure of themselves, **you can set a shining example**.

So **speak up** and **no lurking**. (Just remember to unmute your mic, or it will be next level cringe).

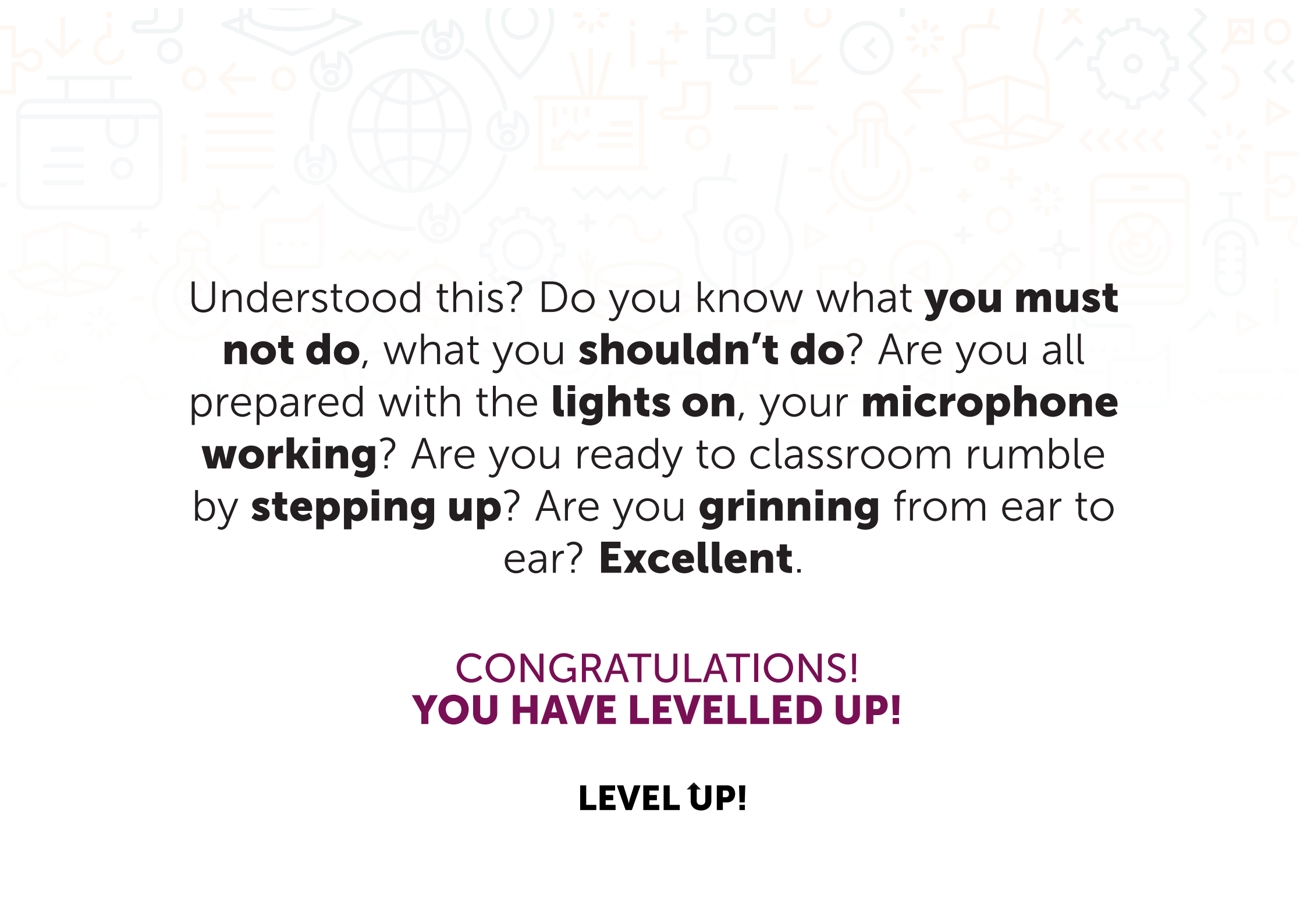
DITCH THAT FROWN

Our final tip for being a video class superstar is really easy – but it might be the most important one. **Smile**.

When we're not in the same room with others, we miss lots of the little cues that help us to really connect with other people. Did you know that 80-90 per cent of our communication is not what we say but **how** we say it?

How we nod our heads, use our hands, how we stand and most importantly **what we do with our face** is very important in communicating. It also helps other people relax. **If you smile, people smile back**. We know there are lots of cultural differences. Still, smiling is one of the most universally recognised things you can do with that face of yours.

So we say remind yourself to smile. You can even write it down on a sticky and put it on your screen. **Just don't cover your camera up**. (Another oopsie we forgot).



Understood this? Do you know what **you must not do**, what you **shouldn't do**? Are you all prepared with the **lights on**, your **microphone working**? Are you ready to classroom rumble by **stepping up**? Are you **grinning** from ear to ear? **Excellent.**

CONGRATULATIONS!
YOU HAVE LEVELLED UP!

LEVEL UP!