

How to Create Your Own STORYCORPS Studio

Here are some ways to thoughtfully choose and prepare a room to improve the sound quality of your recording.

While using the StoryCorps App

Be sure to turn your device on airplane mode before recording to avoid any unnecessary interruptions.

For best quality, make sure your device's microphone is always pointed toward the person speaking and 6-10 inches from their mouth.



You may wish to prop up the device on a table so that you don't have to adjust it during your conversation. If you prop your device up, we recommend placing it horizontally so as not to cover the device's microphone.

While not required, connecting an **external microphone** is another easy and relatively inexpensive way to improve the sound quality of your interview. Microphones made for both Android and Apple devices can be found at most electronics stores and online.

When selecting your recording space

Use rooms that have:

- Carpeted floors
- Drop ceilings
- Closed windows and drapes
- Irregular shapes
- Full bookcases

Avoid using rooms that are large and have:

- Uncovered or tiled floors
- High ceilings
- Square shapes
- Bare walls
- Big windows without curtains
- Noisy appliances or audible background noise

How to “sound-treat” a space:



Put down a thick rug



Cover 1/2 of the walls with heavy blankets



Shut all the windows and close all drapes



Find comfortable chairs that lock in a fixed position



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