

Slate Education

A film slate is a filmmaking tool used during film production to help synchronize the audio and video in post-production. A film slate is made of two components: hinged clapper sticks and a board. The “slate” on set is the main purpose is to tell the production team when the camera has started (and stopped). However, the slate board (or) Clapboard has a second and very important industry use. It’s also widely used to document an individual recording themselves for future roles to be determined at a later date for casting directors, producers and directors. These recordings (or) Slates are viewed and archived for future use when seeking individuals ‘both young and older’ for upcoming roles needed for projects down the line.

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Many times the industry professionals will want to see short video clips of individuals stating their name, their residence and a passion or hobby they enjoy. Keep in mind these professionals are looking for a genuine smile, great personality and well spoken. Dialect and regional accent makes the person who they are! A slate should be quick, not rushed and under 10 seconds, or less. For the younger ages a simple name, age and state will suffice. For babies, toddlers and young preschoolers, it’s totally acceptable for mom or dad to speak for the child while both are invisible in the video clip.