

SLR Flow Chart

Ask yourself the following questions:

What are the light conditions?	ISO Settings:
Bright Light (sunny day/flash)	Set ISO to 400 or lower
Low Light (inside/fast motion)	Set ISO to 800 or higher
Do I want Shallow Depth of Field (Bokah)?	Focal Length Settings:
Yes - I want Shallow Depth of Field	Zoom In (Large Focal Length), go to Apature
No - I want Depth of Field	Zoom Out (Small Focal Length), go to Apature
Do I want Shallow Depth of Field (Bokah)?	Apature Settings:
Yes - I want Shallow Depth of Field	Set Large Apature (Small fstop Number)
No - I want Depth of Field	Set Small Apature (Large fstop Number)
How do I want to hold the camera?	Shutter Speed Settings
In my hands	Set shutter speed at 60 or above
With a tripod	Any shutter speed, required under 30
I want to freeze motion	Set shutter speed at 250 or above
Does your light meter confirm your settings?	
Yes, I can make slight adjustments in apature or shutter speed and the light meter confirms settings.	Shoot your picture making adjustments with your light meter as a guide
No, the light meter will not confirm my settings as I make slight adjustments.	DSLR - Change your ISO up or down according to the reading on your light meter
	Film SLR - Consider light before buying film. Since your film is already loaded, make adjustments to apature and shutter speed using the light meter as a guide.