





HOW TO USE REELS ON INSTAGRAM

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What are Instagram Reels?



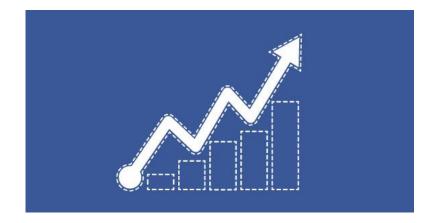
About Reels...

- 1. It is Instagram's version of TikTok
- You can create videos up to 90 seconds using Instagram's video creation / editing tool
- Any video up to 15 minutes long that you want to send out as a post is turned into a Reel
- 4. You can add any music track to the video using Instagram's music library
- You can add text, stickers etc just like Stories

Where to they appear?

- 1. Reels appear in the feeds of your followers
- 2. There is also a dedicated Reels feed so your Reel can get in front of non followers if Instagram feels it is interesting.
- 3. Reels also appear in search results
- You can also share your Reel to your story and users can share your Reel to their stories
- 5. Your Reels appear in your profile grid and in their own Reels grid

Why businesses are seeing much bigger reach and engagement with Reels



TikTok is a threat to Facebook and Instagram and they don't want people leaving Instagram to post TikToks

So the Instagram Algorithm is really pushing Reels. When you post a Reel ...

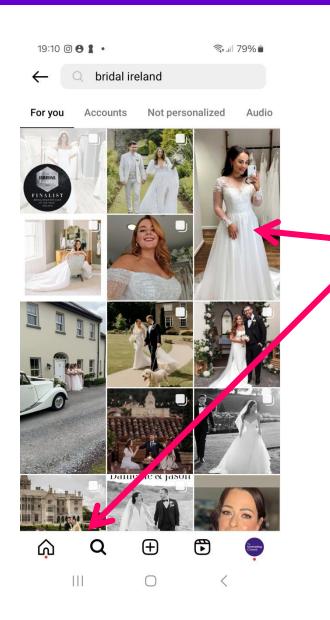
- It will reach more of your followers in their newsfeeds so you get more reach
- People enjoy the music and fun element of Reels so they tend to get more engagement
- If the Algorithm thinks your Reel is interesting it might choose to show your Reel to non followers in the dedicated Reels feed so your can reach a lot more non followers that you can with posts or Stories. This can result in more followers.

Therefore, Reels can get you more reach, engagement and followers.

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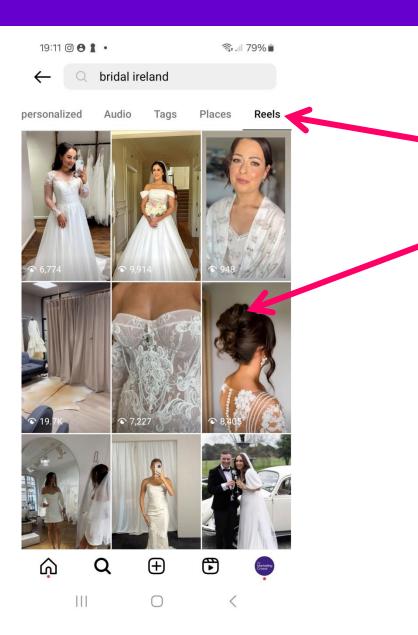
How to find Reels to do with a specific topic



- Tap on search in the navigation
- Type in a search term e.g. Bridal Ireland

You are now shown all the posts and reels that contain those search words in the caption area of the Reel – including hashtags

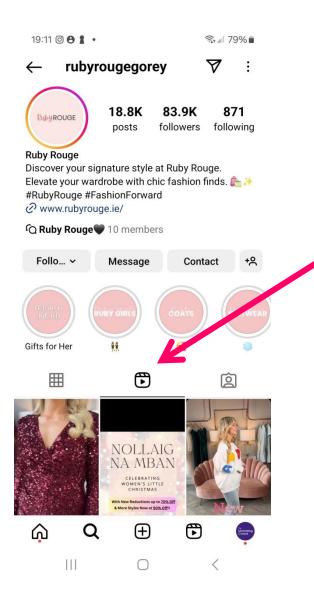
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How to find Reels that a specific account has posted



Go to an Instagram profile of an account within your industry

Next to the grid icon, tap on the Reel icon

You can now browse through the Reels in their Reel grid

How to ensure you get the best music library for your Reels



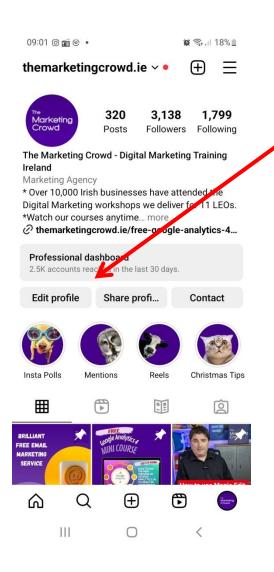
Music is central to most Reels.

However, if you have a business account You do not get the best music library. You get A library of copyright free music.

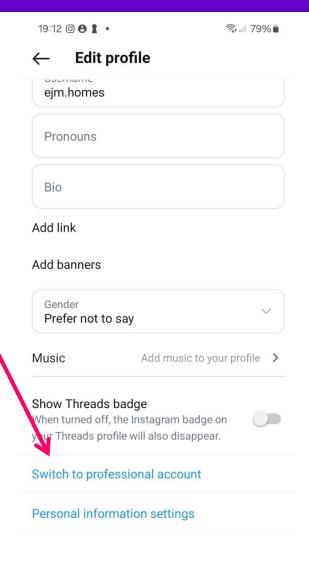
The only accounts that get the full library of music (containing all the latest songs) are personal and creator accounts.

Therefore, many businesses have switched to a Creator account.

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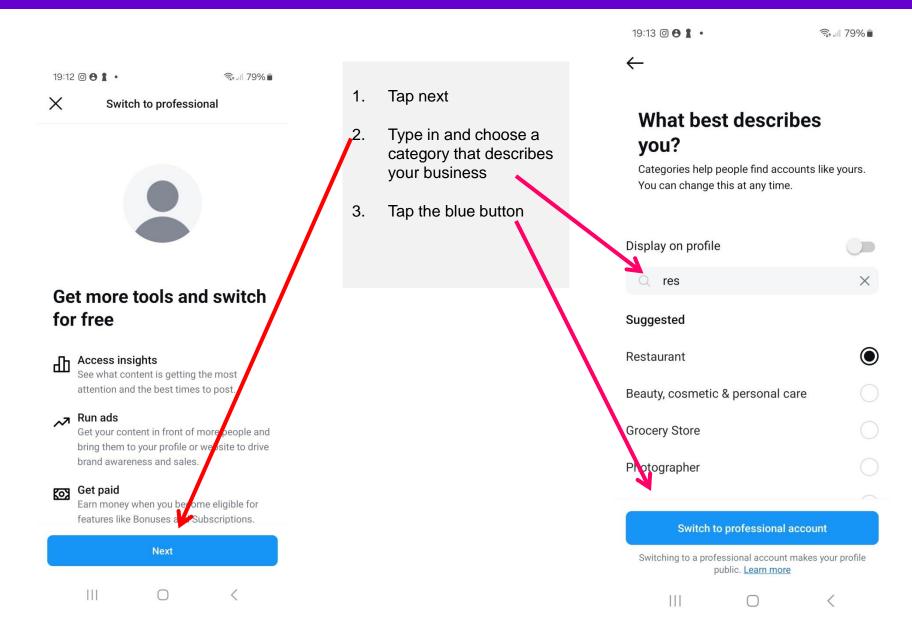


Go to your profile Tap edit profile 3. Then tap on switch to professional account

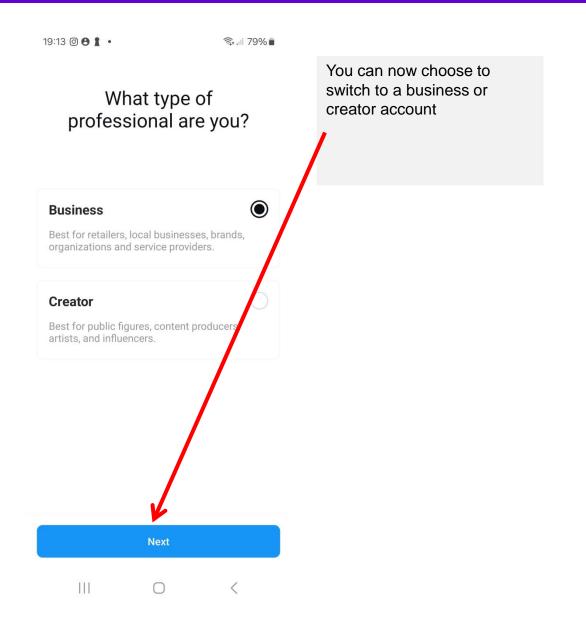


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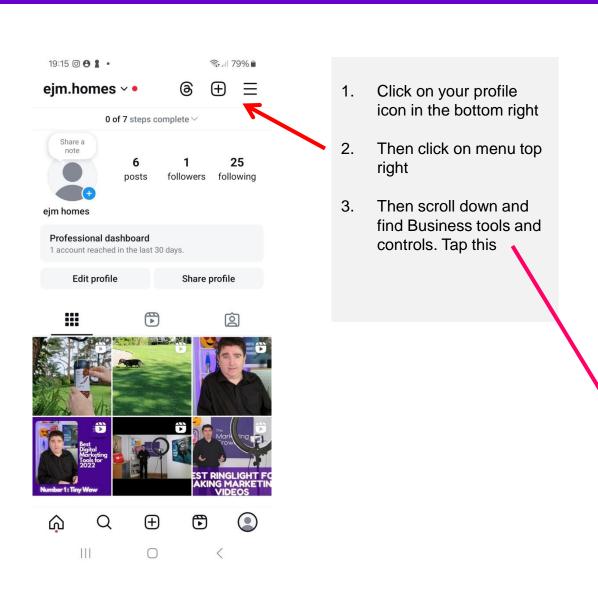
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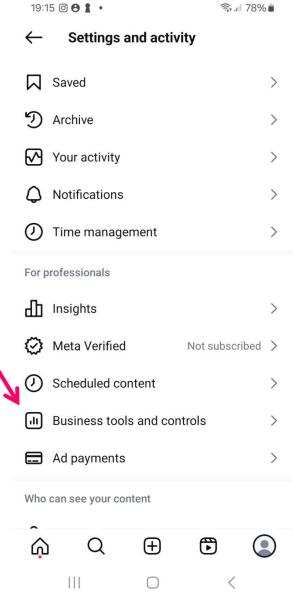


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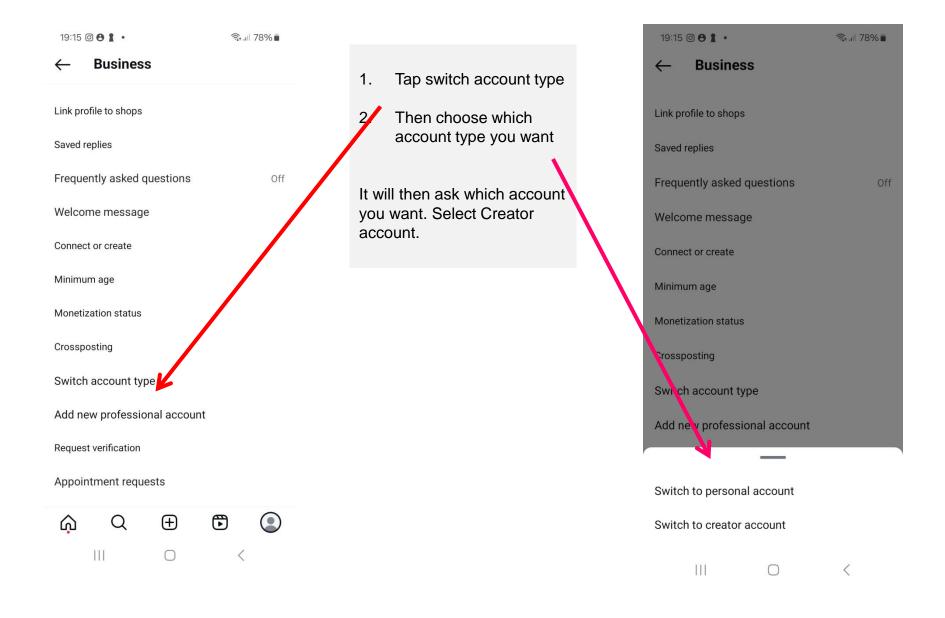


How to migrate from a business to a Creator account

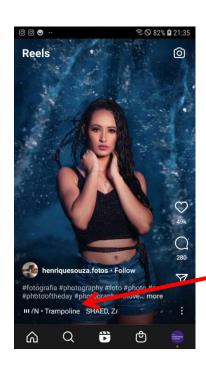


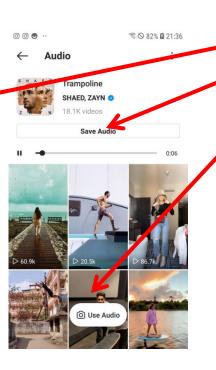


How to migrate



How to save and use music from other Reels that you like





When you are watching a Reel, if you like the music you can save it and then it will be available for you when you go to create a Reel.

- 1. Tap on the name of the music track
- 2. Tap Save Audio
- Or to create a Reel right now using the audio simply tap Use Audio

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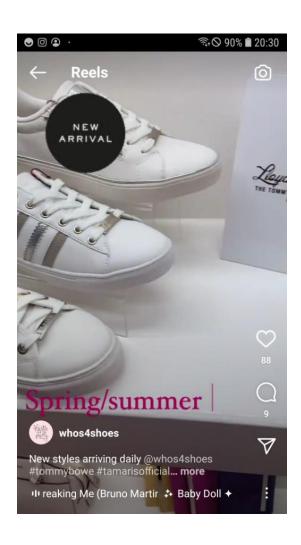
Ways businesses use Reels for marketing



You could use Reels to ...

- 1. Showcase your products product demonstrations, how to use your product
- 2. Showcase your service
- 3. Share Educational content Advice and "How To"
- 4. Inspire people beautiful scenery if you are a tour guide, fitness if you own a gym
- 5. Show behind the scenes activity at work
- 6. Show your personality Reels is a great way to show your sense of humour and your fun side

Examples of "Showing your product" Reels from Retail shops



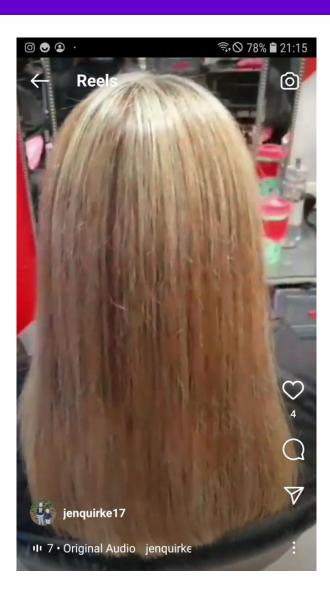
Shoe shops, Boutiques, Beauty products etc.

These Reels are typically made as

- Video, music and text
 Shoot your video and then add music and text
- Someone speaks to the camera throughout the Reel
- Someone adds a voiceover on video clips

- @whos4shoes
- @lovecherishboutique
- @Jadorebeauty.ie
- @vivienne_mccarthy

Examples of "Showing your service" Reels from service providers



Gardeners, Hair Salons, Nail bars, Restaurants etc.

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- Video, music and text
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- 2) Someone speaks to the camera throughout the Reel
- 3) Someone adds a voiceover on video clips

- @jenquirke17
- @james_todman
- @allyearround
- @wholesomeirl

Examples of "Giving Advice" Reels from coaches



Life coach, mindfulness coach, parenting coach, marketing consultants etc.

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- 1. Someone speaks to the camera throughout the Reel
- 2. Someone adds a voiceover on video clips

- @drjuliesmith
- @cilliankeane
- @jenay.rose
- @themarketingcrowd.ie
- @elisedarma
- @irishbeautyfairy

Examples of "Tourism" Reels from Guesthouses or tour guides



Hotels, Guesthouses, Tour Guides, Coach companies, Travel vloggers

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- @sandymakessense
- @dublin.explore
- @greenmounthousedingle
- @butlersprivatetours

Examples of "Behind the scenes" Reels



'Behind the Scenes' Reels

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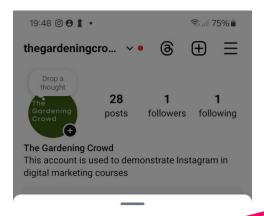
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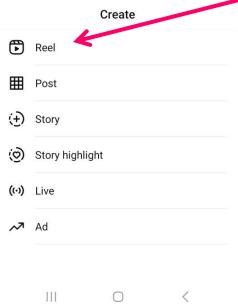
Shoot your video and then add music and text

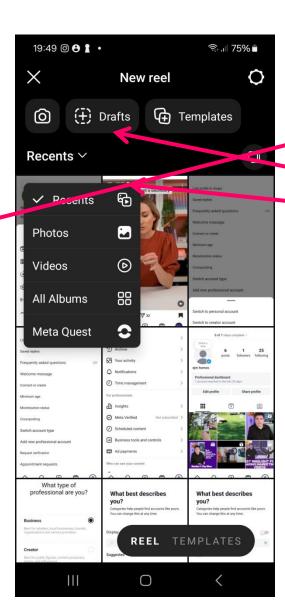
- @enchantedflowers.ie
- @dsw

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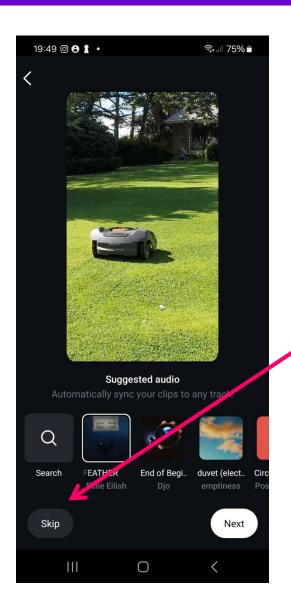






How to create a Reel

- Go to your profile and tap +
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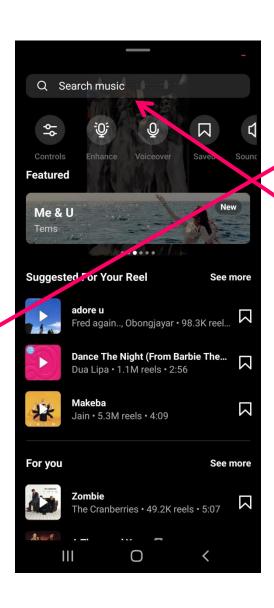
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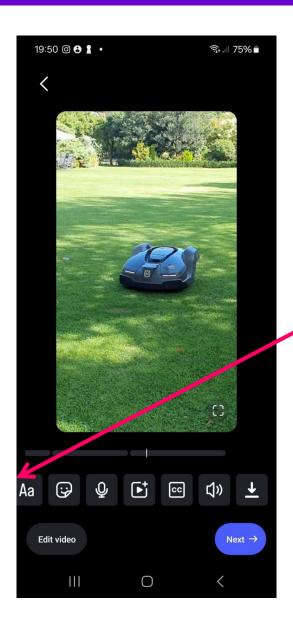


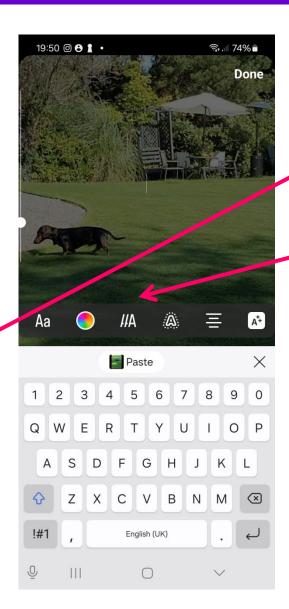


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8. To add music tap on the music symbol

You can then search for music or go to your saved music



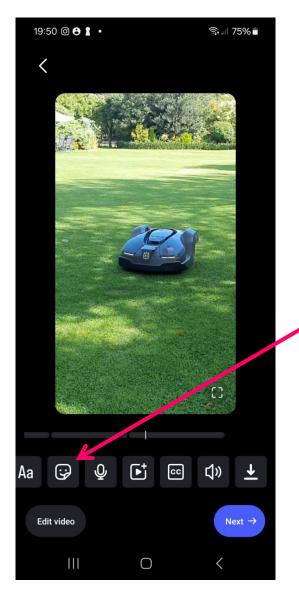


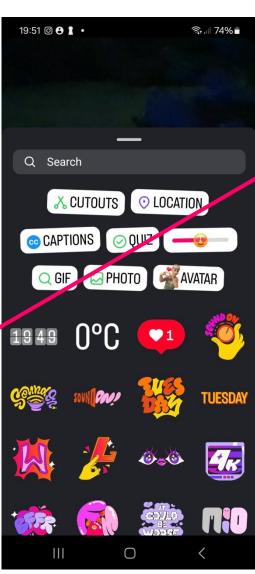
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9 – Tap Aa and type your text

You can
Change the font
Change the colour
Add an animation
Add an effect
Align
Add a background effect

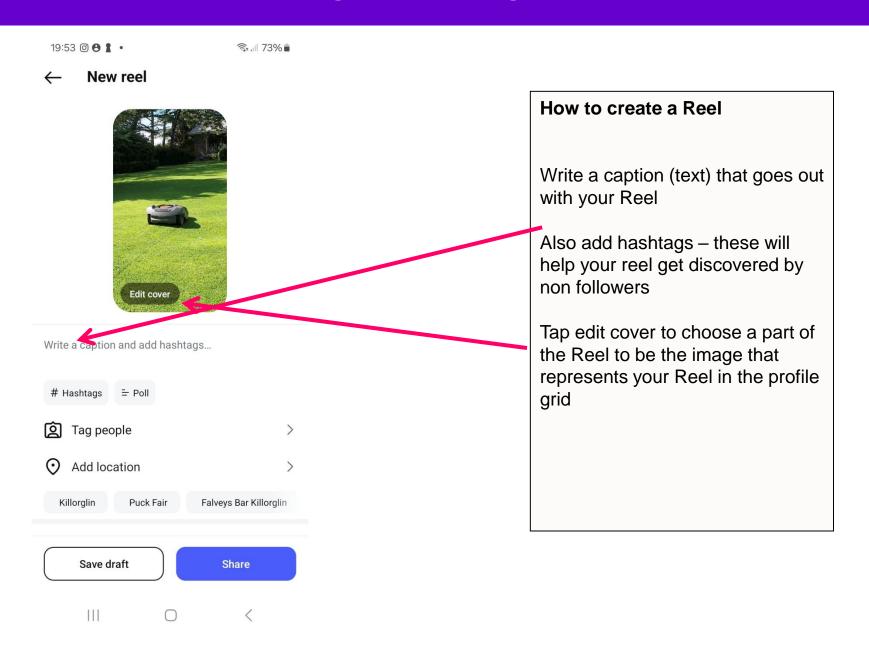
When you add text you can then edit the amount of time it is on the video in the editor

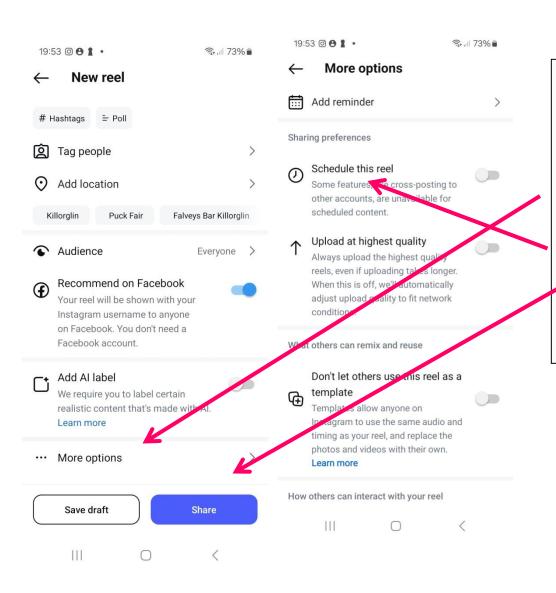




How to create a Reel

10. Tap the sticker icon to add stickers. Eg. search for words like Sale or Wow or Spooky





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Tap more options and you should have the option to schedule your Reel

Tap share to send out your Reel

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Option 1: RØDE Wireless ME

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Roll over image to zoom in

RØDE Wireless ME Ultra-compact
Wireless Microphone System with Builtin Microphones, GainAssist Technology
and 100m Range for Filmmaking,
Interviews and Content Creation
Visit the RØDE Store
4.3 **** 6,157 ratings

Amazon's Choice for "rode wireless me"

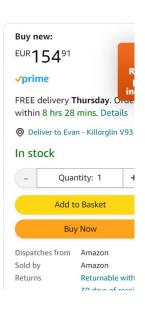
300+ bought in past month

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Save up to 8% with business pricing. Sign up for a free Amazon

May be available at a lower price from other sellers, potentially



Watch a video overview here

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NoaPPQQtgtQ

Links to Irish Websites Plus Amazon

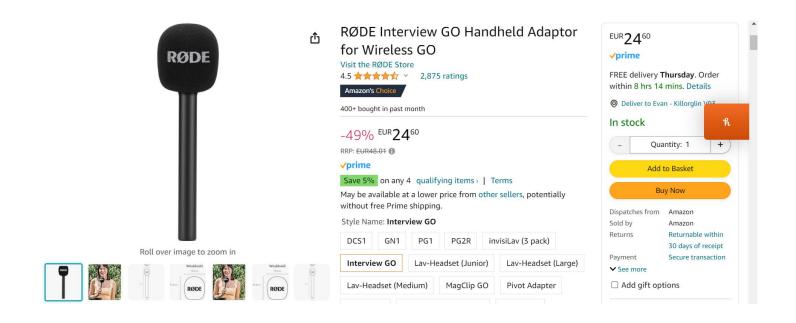
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without free Prime shipping.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/R%C3%98DE-Ultra-compact-Microphone-Microphones-GainAssist/dp/B0BQLB596V/

Useful accessory that turns your Rode wireless mic into hand held mic



Links to Irish Websites

https://camerakit.ie/product/rode-interview-go/

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Option 2: Hollyland Lark 2



Watch a video overview here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PQUi8RgkB
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For iphone or Android only €170 For Camera / Laptop + Iphone + Android combo €200

What is great about this mic

- 1. The size and weight small and light
- 2. Two mics
- 3. Excellent sound
- 4. Long range
- 5. Windbreaker
- 6. The versatility of combo pack it works with everything
- 7. Charge the box and it charges everything

Android version: https://www.amazon.co.uk/Microphone-Compatible-Cancelling-Livestream-Vlog-Black-Black/dp/B0CP7P4RRQ

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Iphone version: https://www.amazon.co.uk/Microphone-Compatible-Cancelling-Livestream-Vlog-Black-Black/dp/B0CP7NYJM7?th=1

Combo version: : https://www.amazon.co.uk/Microphone-Compatible-Cancelling-Livestream-Vlog-Black-Black/dp/B0CP7QXWPN?th=1

Option 3: Ulanzi J12 Wireless Microphone (2 microphones)

1 receiver attaches to the charger port of your phone

2 microphones
Works up to 65 feet away from the phone
(However, does not come with windbreakers)

Cost: Approx €70 - €80



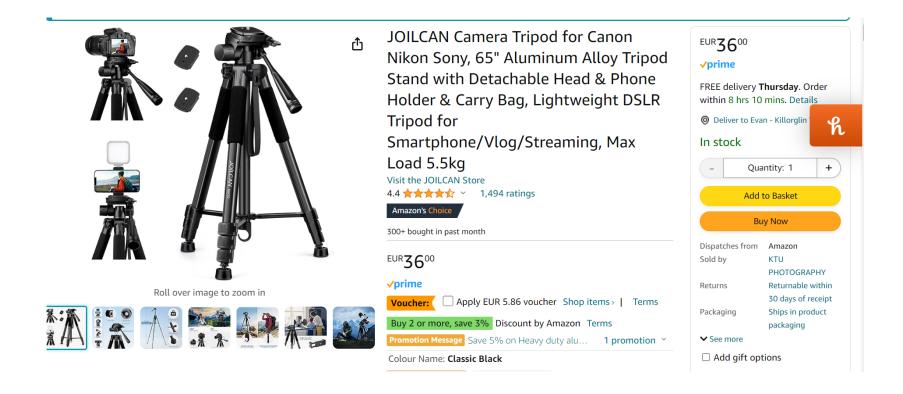
Watch a video demo

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o6F0IZzmnX4

This is the version for iphones: https://www.amazon.co.uk/J12-Lightning-Smartphone-Microphone-Compatible-black/dp/80BK9FDT3M

This is the version for Android: https://www.ulanzi.com/products/ulanzi-j12-wireless-lavalier-microphone?variant=42630746996957

Tripod (I use this one all the time and it's excellent plus very reasonable)



Link to amazon

https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/product/B0BBQ5F2L8/

Tripod Adjuster mount



Roll over image to zoom in













ipow Mobile Phone Tripod Adapter, Rotatable Bracket Smartphone Clamp Holder Compatible with Samsung Huawei Used on Tripod, Monopod, Selfie Stick

Brand: ipow 4.6 ★★★★★ × 1,422 ratings Amazon's Choice

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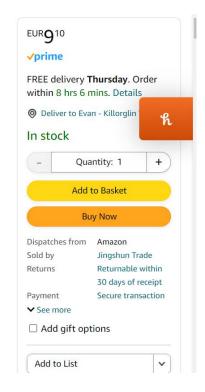
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Compatible iPhone 12 Pro,12, iPhone 11, iPhone XS Max, XR,X, iPhone 8 Plus, Samsung Galaxy S21 devices Ultra, S20, Samsung Galaxy Note 20, iPhone...

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Mounting type Tripod Special feature Adjustable





https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/product/B01N193MHD/

Fantaseal® Ergonomic Smartphone Handheld Grip Stabilizer Holder

Versatile camera grip, with a Smartphone Clamp, perfect for phone to shoot smooth video and photos. (Allowable Cellphone Size 3.5" to 5.7")

Cost: Approx €12





https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/product/B01M3VRD5Y/ref=oh_aui_detailpage_o01_s00?ie=UTF8&p sc=1

DJI Osmo Mobile Gimbal

Brilliant Gimbal for taking videos as you are moving.

It has a motorised weight and balance system so your video looks as smooth aa a drone video

Cost: €120



Links to Irish Websites

https://www.currys.ie/ieen/cameras-and-camcorders/photography-accessories/camcorder-accessories/dji-osmo-mobile-3-handheld-gimbal-10226788-pdt.html

Lights

Neewer Camera Photo Video Lightning Kit: 18 inches/48 centimetres Outer 55 5500K Dimmable LED Ring Light

- Very good lighting kit for a beginner on a budge
- Ideal for "how to" videos, customer testimonials company videos where you require good lightin

€115



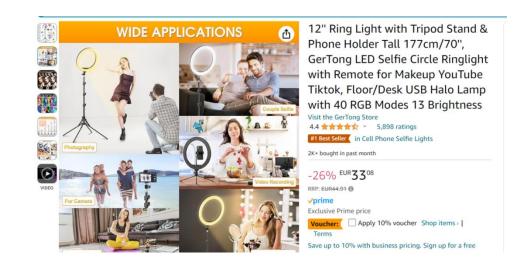


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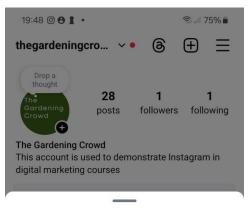
- A good budget alternative
- 12 inch diameter
- Good light if you are close to the light.
- Not as good for lighting up half a room

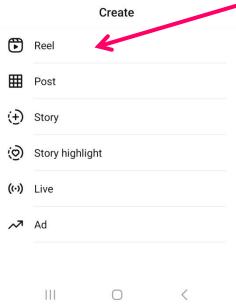
Cost: Approx €35

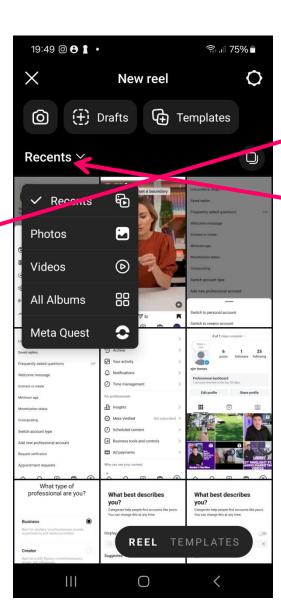




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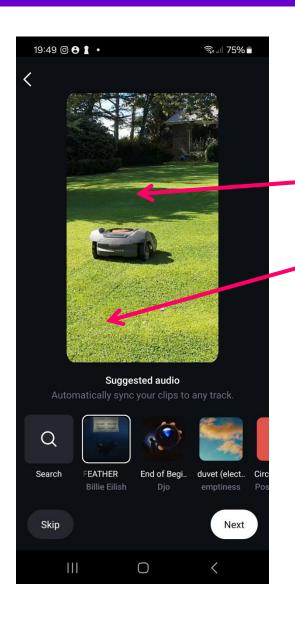






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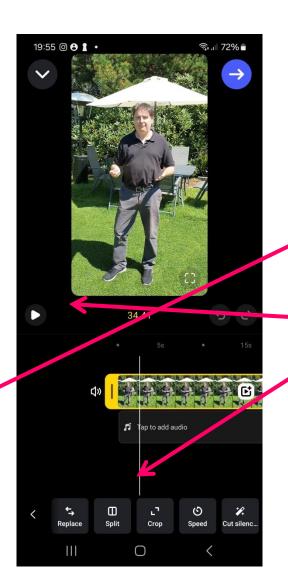
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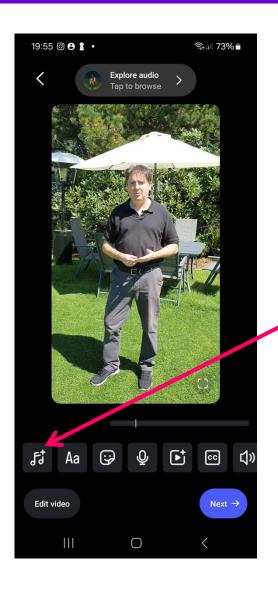
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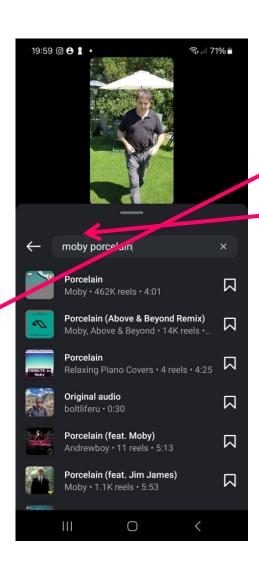
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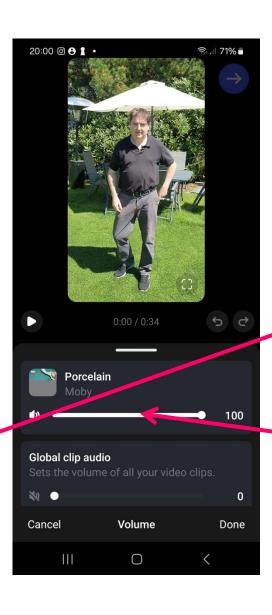


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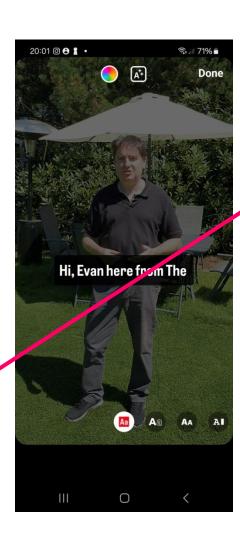
Also, Instagram often mutes the volume in a video if music is added.

When you tap on volume symbol you then need to tap on Controls

You can then adjust the volume of the video and also the music.

Lower the volume of the music



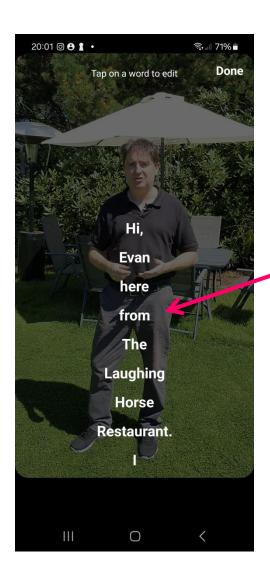


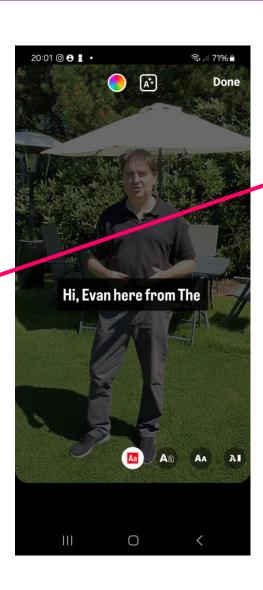
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Tap CC to add captions. You might need to swipe left to see it

It will then scan your video and generate the captions

To proof read and edit the caption tap on the text



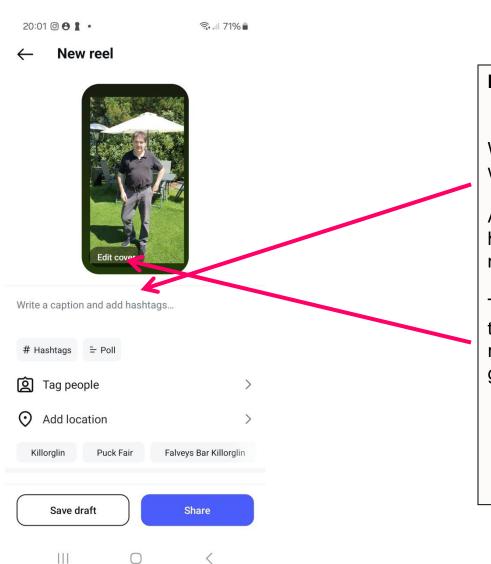


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Then make any edit you want

Then choose from 5 styles / layout for the captions

Tap done when you are happy



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Write a caption (text) that goes out with your Reel

Also add hashtags – these will help your reel get discovered by non followers

Tap edit cover to choose a part of the Reel to be the image that represents your Reel in the profile grid

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Why create a Reel with your voiceover?



Why add your voiceover rather than just speaking to camera?

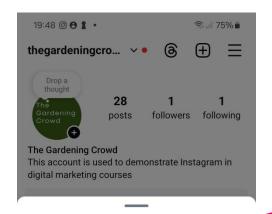
- 1. You'd prefer not to appear on screen
- You want to use video clips of your product / service and then explain how it works
- 3. You'd like to appear on screen for the first 4-5 seconds and then use lots of visual clips with a voiceover for the remainder of the video

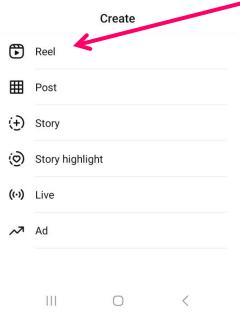
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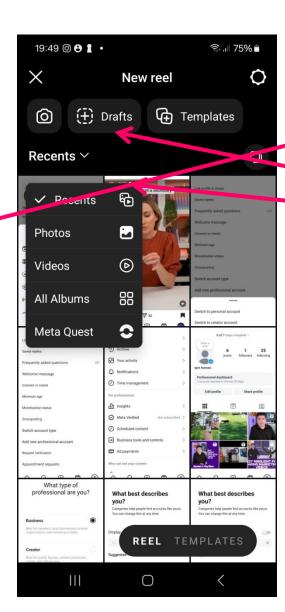
Note – this process is almost exactly the same as the 1st demo

However, once you have edited your clips, added your text and music you can then tap the microphone icon to record the voice over

How to create a Reel with a voice over

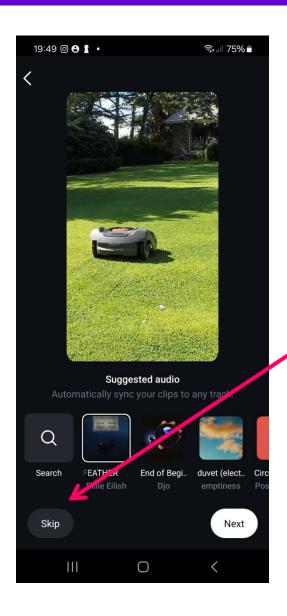






How to create a Reel

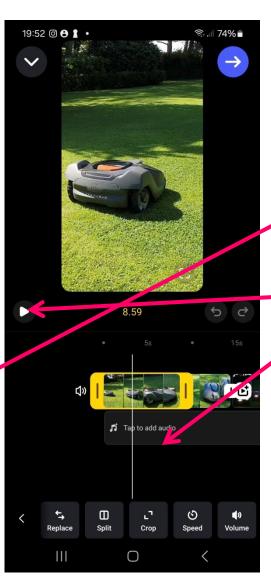
- Go to your profile and tap +
- 2. Then tap on Reel
- Select your video clips from the list below
- Or Tap the arrow next to Recents to find video from a folder on your phone



The Al is now offering you edited version of your video with music

You should tap on skip





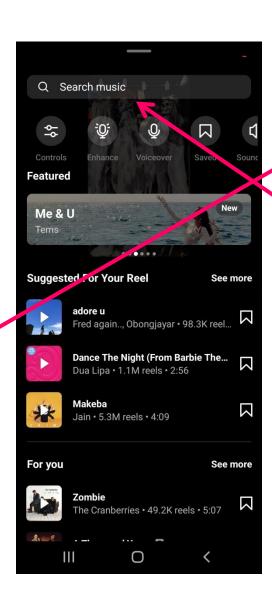
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You are now in the area where you can edit the clips, add text, effects stickers add music etc.

Tap on the edit button to edit your video clips

Press play / pause and then split your clips where you want to cut them. Tap discard to delete

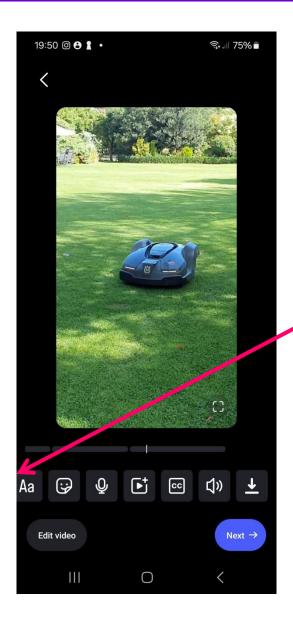


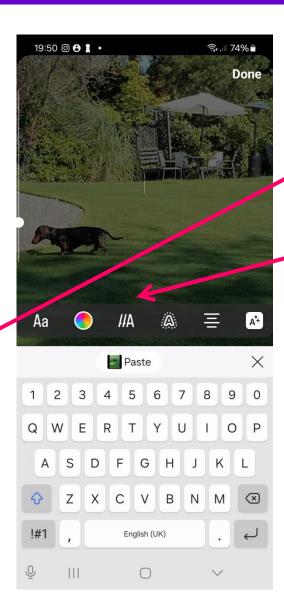


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8. To add music tap on the music symbol

You can then search for music or go to your saved music



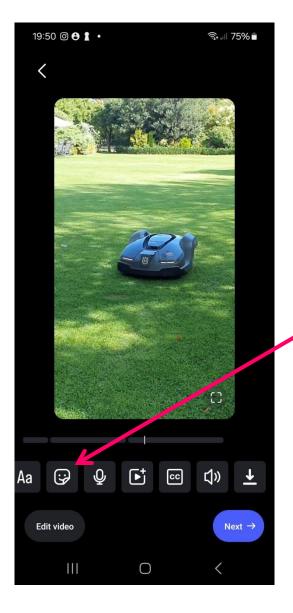


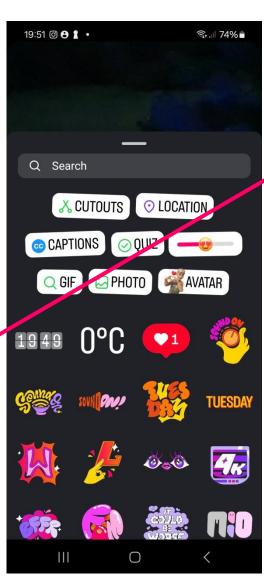
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9 – Tap Aa and type your text

You can
Change the font
Change the colour
Add an animation
Add an effect
Align
Add a background effect

When you add text you can then edit the amount of time it is on the video in the editor

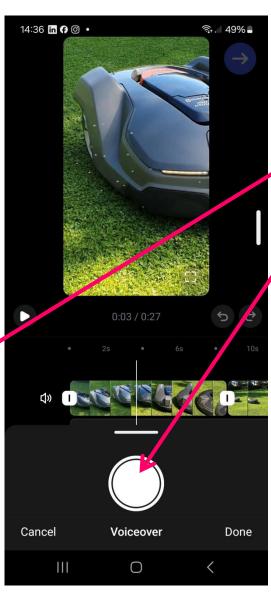




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10. Tap the sticker icon to add stickers. Eg. search for words like Sale or Wow or Spooky

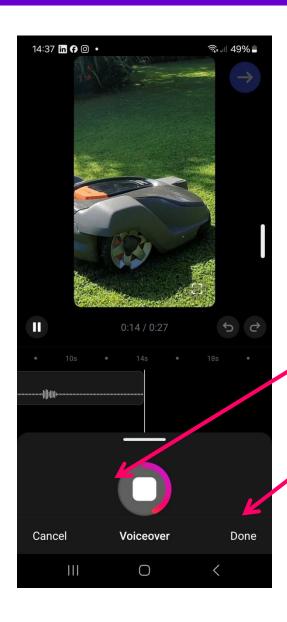


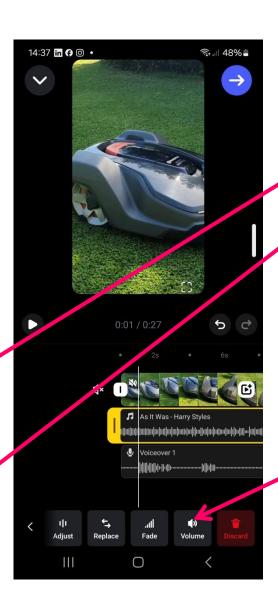


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To add the voiceover tap on the microphone icon

Then tap the circle to record





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Say what you want to say into the phone

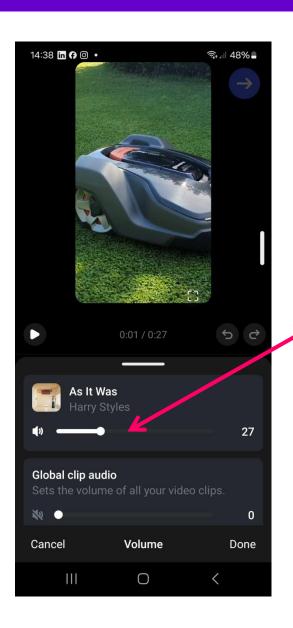
Tap done when you are finished

You are now taken to the editor and you can see the music and the voiceover

If you press play the music will be too loud

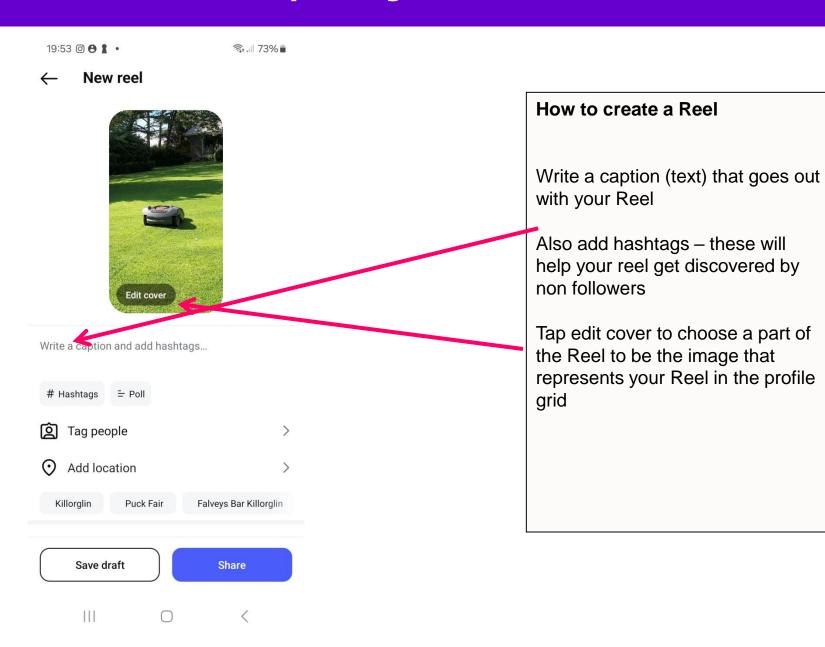
Tap the music line

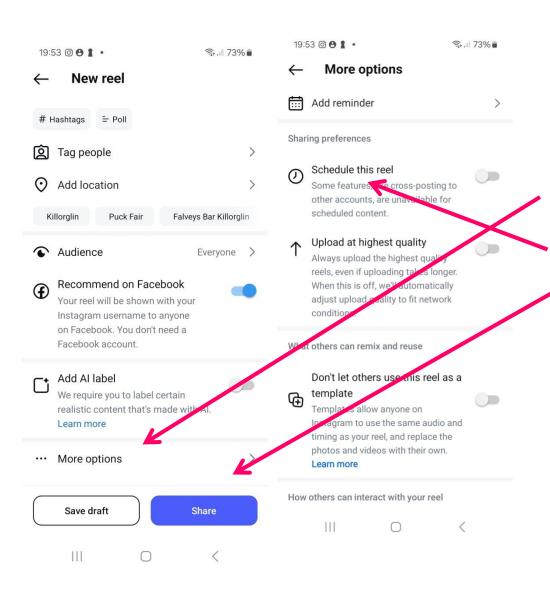
Then tap volume



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Then lower the volume of the music to a level that you are happy with





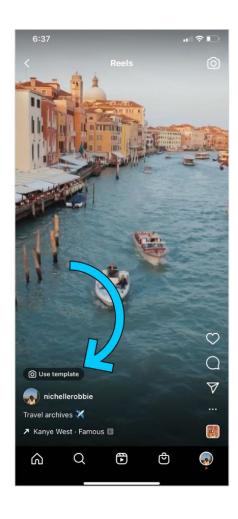
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Tap more options and you should have the option to schedule your Reel

Tap share to send out your Reel

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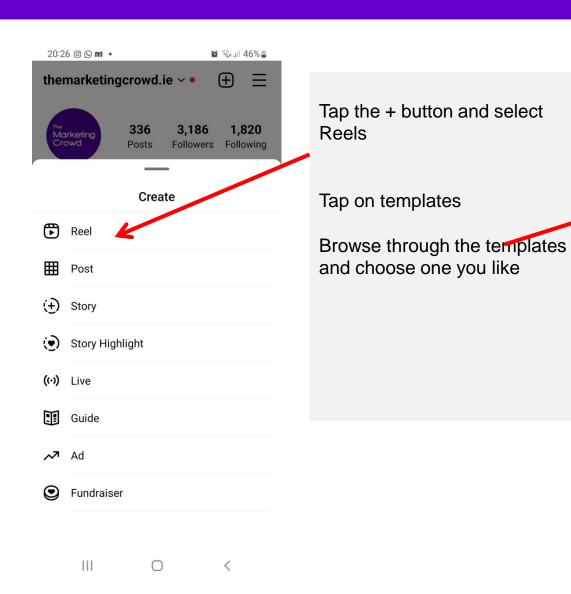
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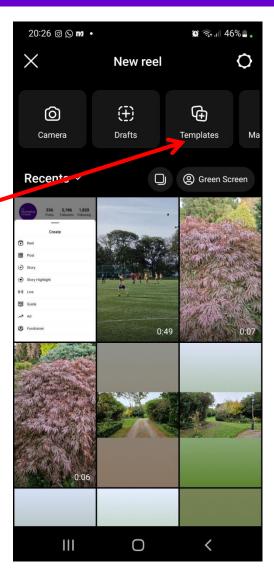


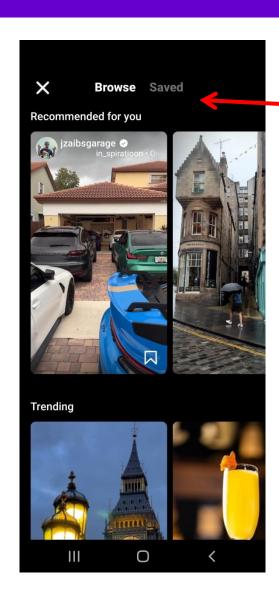
In order to make it easier for people to make Reels, you can use other people's Reels as a template

Like the look of a Reel?

If it has "Use template" written on it you can just replace their clips with yours



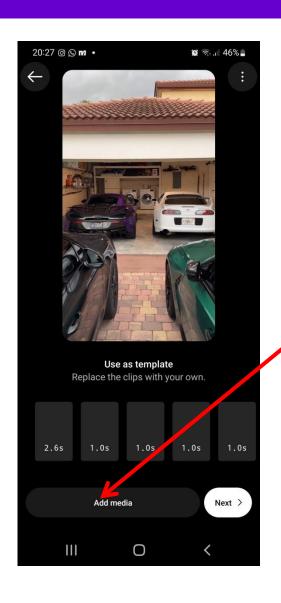




There are now two tabs – Browse and Saved

Browse – these show you Reels Templates that are recommended for you based on your previous activities

Saved – these are reels templates that you have previous saved or music you have saved that have been used in Templates



Tap on Add media

Choose the video clips or images form your phone and then tap next

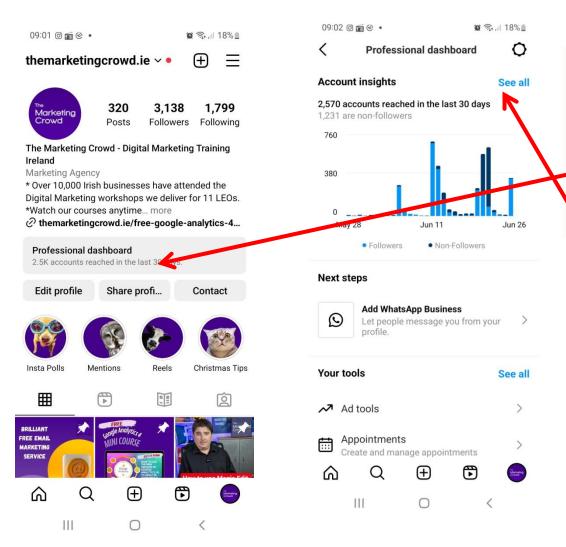
Your Reel is now created

You can then add text, effects, caption, cover as normal

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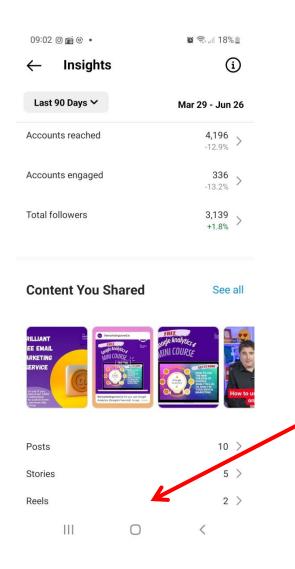
How to check the reach of your Reels on Instagram



To view the reach of your recent posts

- Ensure you have switched to a business or creator account
- Go to your profile and tap on professional dashboard
 - Then tap see all

How to identify your best performing Reels using Instagram analytics



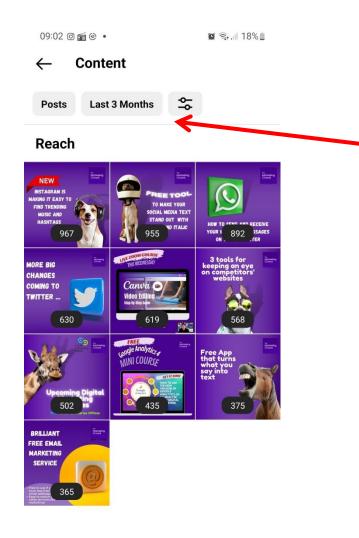
If you can identify your best and worst performing Reels in terms of engagement you can then ask yourself

What was it about the ones that did well.

Then do more of those and less of the ones that didn't do well.

- Once you go to your professional dashboard and tap see all. You will see recent posts, stories and Reels
- 2. Tap on Posts

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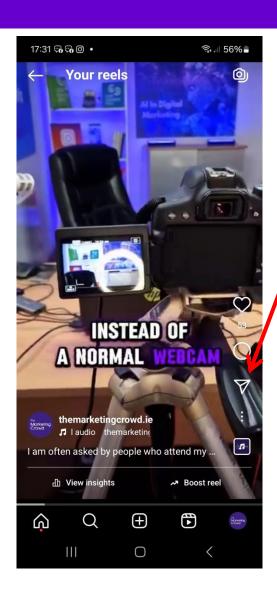
4. Then sort your previous Reels for the past year by Reach, then Likes, then shares

You will then get a feel for which type of Reels s are doing the best for you. Try and send more of those.

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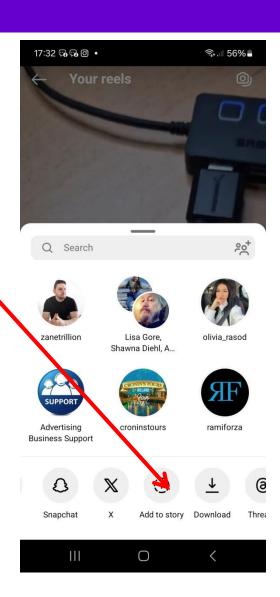
How to share your Reel to your story



Find your Reel

Tap the paper plane icon

Tap on Add Reel to your story (you might need to swipe to find this)



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