

Storyboard abbreviations and terms

Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Meaning
Acr screen	Across scene
BG	Background
BG pan	Pan background
BG slow pan	Slow pan background
Cam	Camera
Cont	Continued
Diag	Diagonal, as in Diag. pan L to R
Ext	Exterior
F/O:	Fade out
FX	Special effects
Int	Interior
Into sc	Into scene
L	Left
L to R	Left to right
O.L	Overlay
O.S Left	Off-screen left
O.S Right	Off-screen right
Pg	Page number
Pnl	Panel
Pos. 1	First position: describes number of character movements
Pos.2	Second position: often used in conjunction with camera movement
POV	Point of view
R	Right
S/A	Same as before, or same as previous panel: correct note for BG in new panels
T/B	Trace-back: often mistakenly used for BG in additional panels
T/I	Truck in. Also T/IN
T/O	Truck in. Also T/OUT
To cam	Towards camera
VO	Voice over

Terms

Term	Description
CUT	Between scenes
Descriptions	Are often in brackets. For example: (chuckles mockingly); (screams)
Downshot	The shot is taken from a high angle, pointing downwards
Fast	As in fast truck in
No panel	Panel crossed out
Slight	As in slight truck in
Start	Normally indicates the start of the camera pan
Stop/end	Normally indicates the end of the camera pan
Upshot	The shot is taken from a low angle, pointing upwards
Use of arrows	Indicate the direction of movement
White card	White colour card (using after flash effects)