# Tips for Portrait Photography

Some important tips for portrait photography are listed below:

1. Use shadow and backlight to create silhouettes and capture expressions.
2. Use flash in daylight to fill the subject with light.
3. Get to eye-level with your subject. Use shallow depth of field for strengthening the focal point.
4. You don’t need a flash indoors. Use available fill light to create dramatic portraits instead of direct flash.
5. Direct sun produces shadows, so you need to work them into the composition.
6. Direct light produces portraits with more contrast.
7. Open shade and fog produce soft portraits in low contrast.
8. Evening is a great time to explore shadows. Use shadows as part of the composition.
9. Make use of negative space and look for shapes to frame your subject.
10. Open shade is very flattering, producing the smoothest and most even skin tones.