

Episode 2:**Reading: 短文聽讀**

A camera allows one to capture pictures of people or objects. The earliest "picture-taking" device was the *camera obscura* (in Latin, it means “dark chamber”), which probably arose from the observation of light passing through the stone cracks in a cave or dark space, producing an upside-down (顛倒的) image on the wall. Small and portable *camera obscuras* were invented in the seventeenth century. Although the *camera obscura* could project an image on a screen, it could not make a permanent (永久的) record of the image. It wasn't until the nineteenth century that chemical methods were developed to record images on metal, paper, and film. Nowadays, cameras are digital and still images (靜態影像) (or videos) are recorded on memory cards (記憶卡).

