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*noun* | cam·era | \ˈkɑm-rə, ˈkɑ-mər-ə\

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## Definition of CAMERA

- 1 : the treasury department of the papal curia
- 2 **a** : CAMERA OBSCURA  
**b** : a device that consists of a lightproof chamber with an aperture fitted with a lens and a shutter through which the image of an object is projected onto a surface for recording (as on film) or for translation into electrical impulses (as for television broadcast)

### —off camera

- 1 : while not being filmed by a television or movie camera • he's a different person *off camera*
- 2 : outside the scope of a television or movie camera • sounds of gunfire taking place *off camera*

### —on camera

- 1 : before a live television camera • go *on camera*; *also* : while being filmed by a television or movie camera • looked relaxed *on camera*
- 2 : within the scope of a television or movie camera • you can hear a dog but he never appears *on camera*