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)

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**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

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**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