

## SCRIPT ABBREVIATIONS

|                   |                                                 |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>ELS</b>        | extreme long shot                               |
| <b>MLS</b>        | medium long shot                                |
| <b>LS</b>         | long shot                                       |
| <b>MS</b>         | medium shot                                     |
| <b>MCU</b>        | medium close-up                                 |
| <b>CU</b>         | close-up                                        |
| <b>ECU</b>        | extreme close-up                                |
| <b>OS</b>         | over-the-shoulder shot                          |
| <b>2-S or 3-S</b> | two-shot or three-shot                          |
| <b>POV</b>        | point of view shot                              |
| <b>ZI or ZO</b>   | zoom in or zoom out                             |
| <b>INT</b>        | interior                                        |
| <b>EXT</b>        | exterior                                        |
| <b>SOT or SOF</b> | sound on tape or sound on film                  |
| <b>BG</b>         | background                                      |
| <b>SFX or F/X</b> | special effects (can be either sound or visual) |
| <b>VO</b>         | voice-over                                      |
| <b>OSV</b>        | off-screen voice                                |
| <b>DIS</b>        | dissolve                                        |
| <b>MIC</b>        | microphone                                      |
| <b>VTR</b>        | videotape                                       |
| <b>Q</b>          | cue (as in cue talent)                          |
| <b>ANNCR</b>      | announcer                                       |
| <b>SUPER</b>      | superimposition                                 |

Remember to use only the abbreviations you see here or in your textbook. Do not invent new ones of your own just to fit your particular script needs.