

A large red square is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the image. Several white and red triangles of various sizes are scattered around it, some pointing towards the square and others away from it, creating a dynamic, geometric composition.

Do this

if you want to

**drive
awareness**

A red outline of a triangle is located to the right of the text 'drive awareness', pointing to the right.



Read this to reach more



Do you want to raise awareness of your brand by reaching over 2 billion monthly logged-in users globally on YouTube? Of course you do.

Let's do this.



With this easy guide, you can:

- Discover how to capture attention with the right formats
- Create maximum impact with a solid bidding strategy
- Reach relevant audiences
- Measure campaign performance accurately

Do this first

At the start of your campaign journey?
First set your goal.

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Set your goal

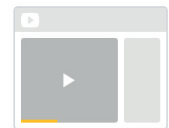
Select **'Brand Awareness and Reach'** as your campaign goal.

Select **'Video'** campaign type.



Brand awareness and reach

Video



Reach and engage viewers on YouTube and across the web

Do this if you want to grab attention

Choose from three different formats or, even better, create a campaign for each.

Using **all three ad formats**, each in their own campaign, will maximize your impact, create efficiencies and capture attention like never before.

Format	What is it?	Choose it if	CPM
1 Bumper	A video ad, which is 6 seconds or shorter. Bumpers play before, during and after other videos. Viewers do not have the option to skip this format.	You have a short message (≤ 6 seconds) and want greater unique reach.	\$
2 Skippable in-stream	A video ad, which plays before, during or after other videos. Viewers have the option to skip this format after 5 seconds.	You have a longer message) AND want greater unique reach. As a best practice, keep your video 30 seconds or less.	\$
3 Non-skippable in-stream	A video ad, which plays before, during or after another video. Viewers do not have the option to skip the ad. Non-skips are 15 seconds or shorter, with the exception of most of Europe, Mexico, Singapore, India and Malaysia, which can support up to 20 seconds.	You want your target audience to watch your entire message. Best at driving awareness lift.	\$\$

II

Make some notes

Do this if you want your bids to create maximum impact

When you start with a campaign goal in Google Ads, you'll see suggested settings and bidding strategies to help you attain that goal. Target cost-per-thousand impressions (tCPM) optimises to help you reach as many potential customers as possible.

Set up tCPM in one step

Bidding strategy

Select your bid strategy ?

Target CPM ▾

The following bidding strategies aren't available in this campaign: [Maximum CPV](#), [Maximum CPM](#), [Viewable CPM](#), [Target CPA](#), [Maximize conversions](#)

With Target CPM (cost-per-thousand impressions), you set the average amount you're willing to pay for every thousand times your ad is shown. From the Target CPM you set, we'll optimize bids to help get as many impressions as possible. Some impressions may cost more or less than your target.

[Learn more](#)

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Target CPM ▾

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When you select '**Brand Awareness and Reach**' as your campaign goal, your campaign will automatically default to tCPM bidding.

As a best practice, your tCPM bid should be the average amount that you are willing to pay for that audience to see your ad.

II

Tip: If you've used CPM bidding before, start by inputting the average CPM from your previous campaign.

What's next?

Once you input your bid, you will see estimates in the traffic estimator on the right panel of the campaign setup. These recommendations will help you spend your budget as efficiently as possible.

Do this if you want to improve your performance

Optimise your campaign settings to drive maximum impact with these must-dos.

1

Do use a campaign total budget

Google Ads will spend your total budget over the course of your campaign as evenly as possible.

2

Do show your campaign on all eligible devices (computers, mobile, tablet and TV screens)

This will expand your reach and avoid over-delivering frequency on any one device type.

Don't do this if you want to extend your reach

Ensure that your ads reach a wider audience by avoiding these common mistakes.

1

Don't set an ad schedule

Google Ads will automatically optimise your ads so that they show at the right time to the most valuable viewers.

2

Don't opt out of video partners on the Display Network

Google video partners extend the reach of your video ads to a collection leading publisher sites and apps. Including video partners will help you reach new audiences outside of YouTube.

Want even more reach?

On average, advertisers can gain 20% additional reach by adding video partners to their YouTube buy.¹

Do this if you want to reach relevant audiences

Select from these three audience types to put your message in front of as many relevant people as possible.

1

Affinity

Reach people based on their specific interests as they watch videos and browse pages across the web.

2

Detailed demographics

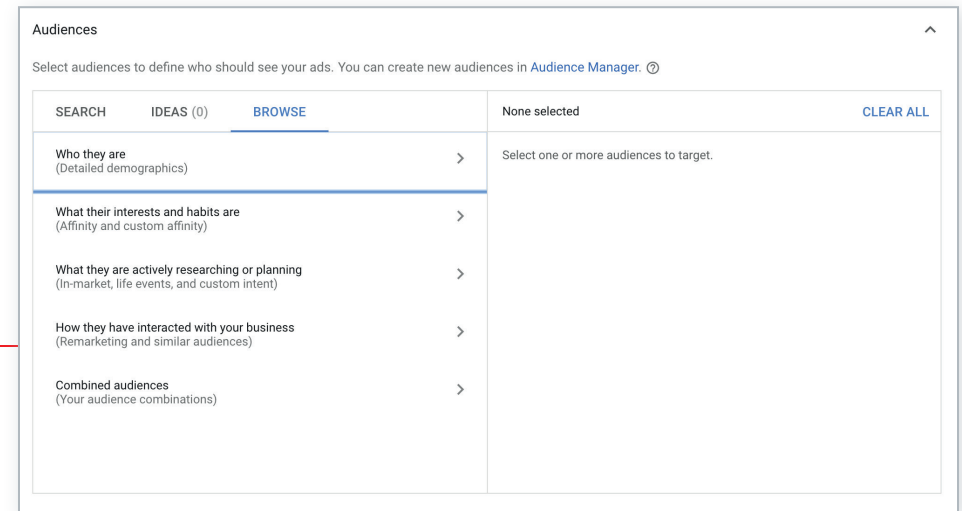
Reach people based on facts about their life, including parenting stages, homeownership status, marital status and education.

3

Custom

Combine keywords, URLs and apps to create your own audience tailored to your brand.

When you have identified your desired audiences, use Reach Planner to quickly estimate your campaign's potential impact.



3 pro tips for reaching relevant audiences

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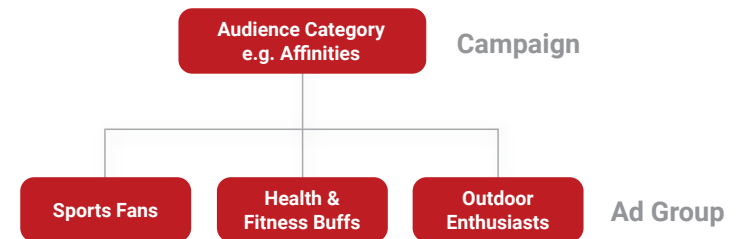
Avoid adding gender and age

Maximise your reach — don't add gender and age on top of your selected audience.

2

Only use one audience category per campaign, and one audience per ad group

Stay organised and build frequency by using just one audience category per campaign — unless you have a predetermined budget per audience or creative.



3

Exclude audiences you've already used

Increase unique reach by excluding people who already viewed your ad, if you have multiple campaigns with different audience categories.

For example: If you target affinity audiences in Campaign No.2, exclude affinity audiences in Campaign No.1 targeted to detailed demographics.

II

Make some notes

Increase the reach of your buy

If your marketing strategy also includes contextual targeting, create a separate campaign using specific videos or channels from the 'Content' section.

Never layer keywords, topics or audiences targeting on top of your content campaign.

Do this if you want effective video creative

Boost the impact of your big idea by following this ABCD framework.

A

Attract

Capture your audience's attention from the start by using tight framing, fast pacing, introducing human faces early on and using memorable visual elements.

B

Brand

Introduce your brand or product in the first 5 seconds through visuals, like your logo, or audio cues, like mentions of your brand or product by people on-screen.

C

Connect

Use emotion and storytelling to connect with your viewers. If you test multiple versions of your creative, you'll soon see what engages your audience.

D

Direct

Drive brand lift by clearly stating what you want the viewer to do. For example, invite viewers to visit your website, watch another video or subscribe to your channel.

Pro Tip

Take advantage of optional features like extensions and companion banners to maximise viewer engagement.

Do this if you want to measure accurately

Use these tools to find out if your campaign reached your audience, made a positive impact on your brand metrics and drove business results.

1

Find out if your campaign reached your audiences

Use Google Ads reporting

Measure the unique reach and frequency of your campaign from the Campaigns page of your Google Ads account. To measure de-duplicated reach across multiple campaigns, you'll need to download the report. For maximum accuracy, wait 72 hours after your campaign ends to tally your totals.

Use third-party verification

YouTube also partners with third-parties like Nielsen and Comscore to compare reach metrics across different publishers and networks. Measure across your video buy with a Nielsen Total Ads Rating report (US).

2

Find out if your campaign impacted your brand metrics

Use Google Brand Lift

Understand how your video ads influenced ad recall and brand awareness among your audience, at no additional cost. Do this before your campaign delivers any impressions so you have an accurate baseline to evaluate your campaign's performance.

3

Find out if your campaign drove business results

Use media mix modeling

Compare the ROI of your YouTube campaign to other digital and traditional channels using third party models.

Use A/B experiments

Test what's working using search lift, geo lift or user lift studies with a Google Measurement Partner.

Congratulations, you've done it

Now do this if you want to learn more



Visit youtube.com/ads for more play-by-play tips on how to become an expert at creating winning ad campaigns on YouTube.



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