Importing Videos from Computer

If the video is already on your hard drive.

Pop-up box: choose video you would like to use by double clicking on it.
Once you double-click, it will now show up as a thumbnail. Now drag the video down to the Timeline at the bottom in the “Video” row.

Once you drag it down, it is now ready to edit on your video timeline.
Importing Videos from Digital Camera

1. Make sure your camcorder is attached to your computer using USB, firewire, etc.
2. Make sure camcorder is “On” and in “Playback” mode.

Click on the option under “Import” called “From Digital Video Camera.”

Pop-up box appears.
Name your video clip you are importing.
Select the folder or location you would like to store the video clip.
Select “Best quality for playback”

Choose “Capture the entire tape automatically.”
Program automatically rewinds and then captures all the video on your camcorder.

After capturing, your video clips will end up on the screen. Each clip is divided up by when you stopped between recordings.
Pull down the clips you want to select onto your timeline below. Now you can begin editing.
Importing Pictures from Computer

1. If you are using a picture from the Internet, save the picture to a folder.

   - Click on “Import Pictures” and a pop-up box opens.
   - Double-click on the picture you would like to select and it will appear as a thumbnail.
   - Drag the picture down to the Timeline.
Importing Music from Computer

1. Make sure the music you want to use is already on your computer.

Pop-up box opens where you double-click on the music you would like to use.
Song now appears as a thumbnail.

Drag the song down to the Timeline under the “Audio/ Music” row.

Your music is now ready to edit.
Effects

Click on “Effects” and drag it down to the video section you would like to add the effect.

Your clip now has the “Effect” you have chosen.

However, if you would like to add it to only a certain part of the clip, you will need to use the “Split” command to divide your clip into two separate clips where you can given them different “Effects.” To do this, you just need to play the movie to the section you would like to change “Effects” and select the command “Split” to divide up the clip.
Transitions

Click on “Transitions” and you will see transition thumbnails.

Drag your chosen “Transition” down between either different clips or pictures to add your own transition between frames.
Titles and Credits

“Title at the Beginning” allows you to place a title at the beginning of your movie.

“Title Before Selected Clip” allows you to place a title between individual clips.

“Title on Selected Clip” allows you to place the title on top of the chosen clip or picture.

“Credits at the End” allows you to list scrolling credits at the end of your movie.
Views

Storyboard

In Windows Movie Maker, a view that shows a simple sequence of files, clips, transitions, and effects that make up a project. Storyboard view is best for adding transitions between clips.

Timeline

In Windows Movie Maker, an editing view that shows the duration and arrangement of files, clips, transitions, effects, and audio tracks that make up a project. Timeline View is best to see how everything works together in relation to videos, transitions, audio, music, and titles.
“This computer” means you can format the movie to play on your computer.

“Recordable CD” means you can copy the movie to a recordable CD for play.

“Email” allows you to email your video.

“Digital Video Camera” allows you to record back onto a video camera.

This Computer

After selecting “This Computer,” a pop-up box appears asking you to select the name of your movie file and the location to hold it in on your computer (file folder).
After you have selected “next,” it will ask for the settings of your movie. Select “Best Quality” and then select “Publish” at the bottom.

After you have selected “Publish,” your movie will now begin to publish to your computer.
Recordable CD

After you have inserted a blank CD, select “Recordable CD.” It will then ask you to select the file name and CD name of your movie.

It will then ask for your “Setting” and you should select “Best Quality.”
It will then begin publishing your movie to your blank CD.
Others

Narration

To narrate a part of your timeline, select “Tools” and then “Narrate Timeline.” In order to narrate a specific section of your video, you cannot have “Audio/ Music” on that clip.

Move the timeline where you would like to begin the narration and select “Start Narration.” Press “Stop Narration” when you finish.
Once you stop narrating, it will have you save your narration on a file.

Once you close your narration, it will display your narration file as a thumbnail to be used later, if you would like.
Audio Fade In/ Fade Out

To fade in or fade out your audio, just select the audio you would like to edit below.

Go to “Clip” and then “Audio” and you will have the option to Mute, Fade In, Fade Out, or change the Volume on your selected Audio. Changes will be made to your timeline below.