Promoting Videos: Tags definition

Tags are keywords that describe videos. For example, a surfing video might be tagged with "*surfing*," "*water*," and "*waves*." Users who enjoy watching surfing videos can then search for any of those terms and the video associated with these tags will show up in their search results. Tags help you label videos you upload so that other people can find them more easily.

Add tags to your videos by:

1. Signing into your YouTube account and clicking the Account link in the upper right hand corner of the page.
2. Under the "My Videos" section of the page, click Uploaded Videos link.
3. Select one of your uploaded videos, and click the "Edit" button.
4. Under the "Video information" section (in the left hand corner of the page), add the terms you'd like associated with the video in the "Tags" area. Add as many as you'd like, and make them relevant to your video's subject matter. This will help users find the video when searching for that topic on the site
5. Click the blue "Save Changes" button to save the edit you just made to your video. Your video now has tags.

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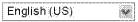
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Promoting Videos: Designing my video description

To best promote your video, you'll want its description to be both accurate and interesting. Here are a few tips to help you get started:

Make your description clear and specific.
Your video should stand out from the crowd. Try to determine what content it contains that will help users find it and distinguish it from other videos. Using descriptive language in complete sentences is a good idea.

Give credit when appropriate.
If people don't know the exact title or other keywords associated with your video, they might search the name of a participant or another website where it's featured. Be sure to include as much information as you feel comfortable, but be careful not to include anything that shouldn't be publicly displayed.

Categorize correctly.
The category into which you place your video is part of its description as well. People are more likely to rate your video highly and watch it more frequently if it's placed in a relevant category.

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