**Production or Principal Photography**

This is the stage when recording of both the video footage and sound is done, i.e. the actual shooting of the movie happens in this stage. It is usually the most expensive stage of filmmaking as a large number of people gets involve in this stage. All the works done during the pre-production stage is actually the preparation for this stage. Proper and clear pre-production works leads to smooth running of this stage. This is the stage when setting is done, props are used, actors use their respective costumes, makeup and their work begins, lighting being rigged and camera get roll so this stage is also called Principal Photography as actual photography required for the film are done in this stage. This is the stage where physical activities are more compared to the other stages of filmmaking with involvement of many people. People involve in this stage includes-

1. Director
2. Assistant Directors
3. Cinematographer
4. Camera Crew
5. Light mans
6. Set and Prop Designer/ Carpenters
7. Costume Designers
8. Chorographers/ Dancers
9. Makeup Artists
10. Sound Crew
11. Actors
12. Production Designer/Manager/Controller
13. Second Unit Director
14. Transportation Unit
15. Kitchen Unit
16. Editors
17. Producer
18. Junior Artist
19. Body double (stunt man) etc.

This stage usually takes few weeks to few months depending on the narrative. After each day of shooting the raw footage both video and sound are stored which is done by editor himself or his assistant. Most of the drama and the main scenes and sequences with the lead actors are shot by the main unit and sometime second shooting unit is also used to shoot supplementary footage like establishing shots, stunts, inserts etc. Second Shooting Unit is also used to capture the dangerous and time consume scenes or shots.