



How to edit a video on iMovie

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About iMovie

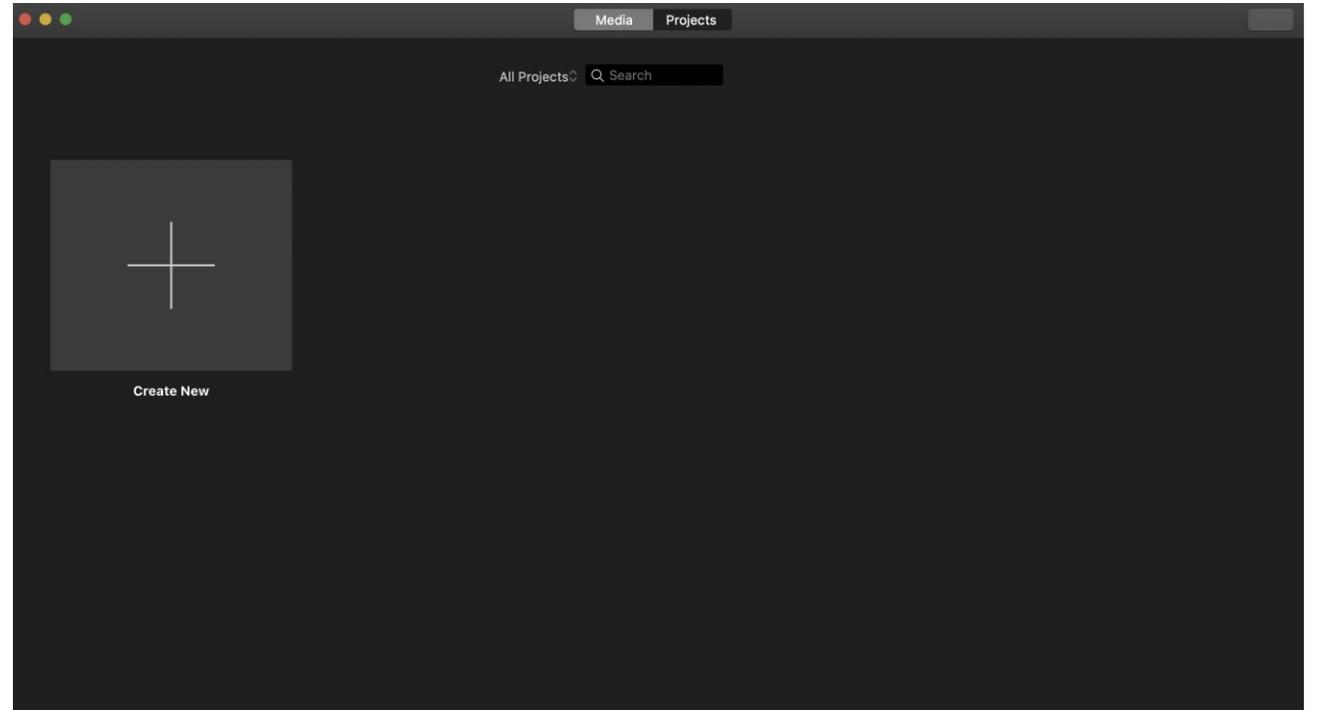
- Available in all Mac computers – free
- Useful to edit mp4 videos (not compatible with some video formats – specially with Mac OS Catalina)
- Easy to use – ideal for beginners
- Provides many tools – more than sufficient for most of us
- Saves automatically

Select the videos/photos you need

- Select the video/s and photo/s you would like to include in your project
- Keep them on your desktop – easy to drag and drop

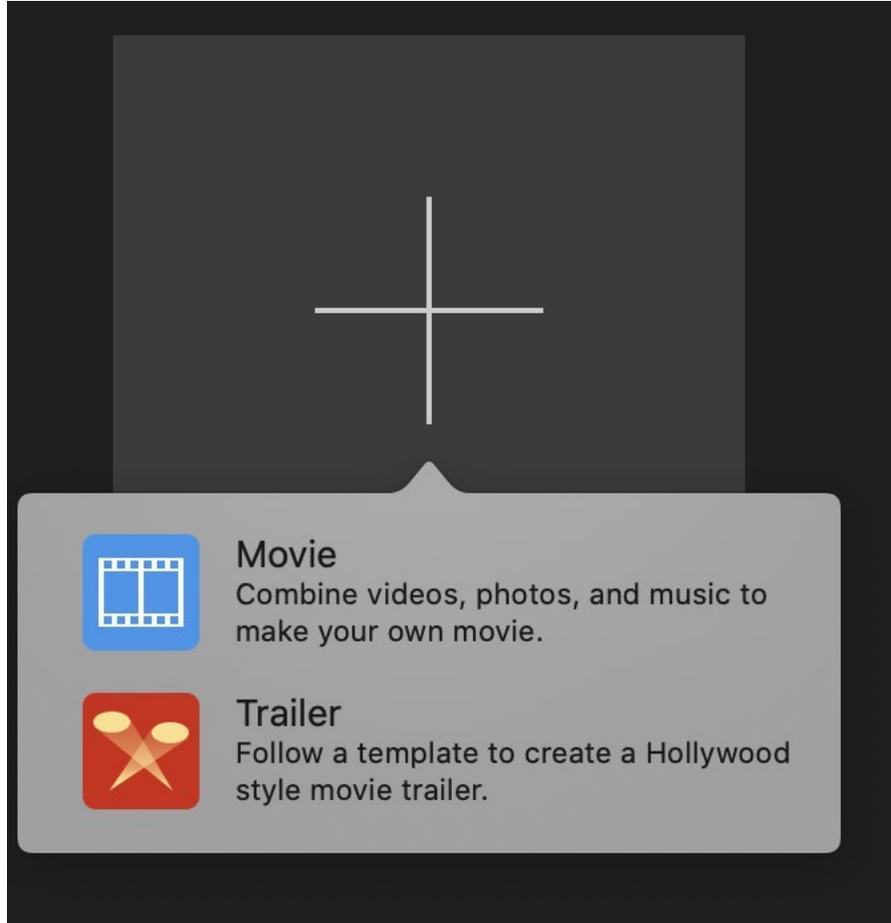
Open iMovie

Click on “Create New”



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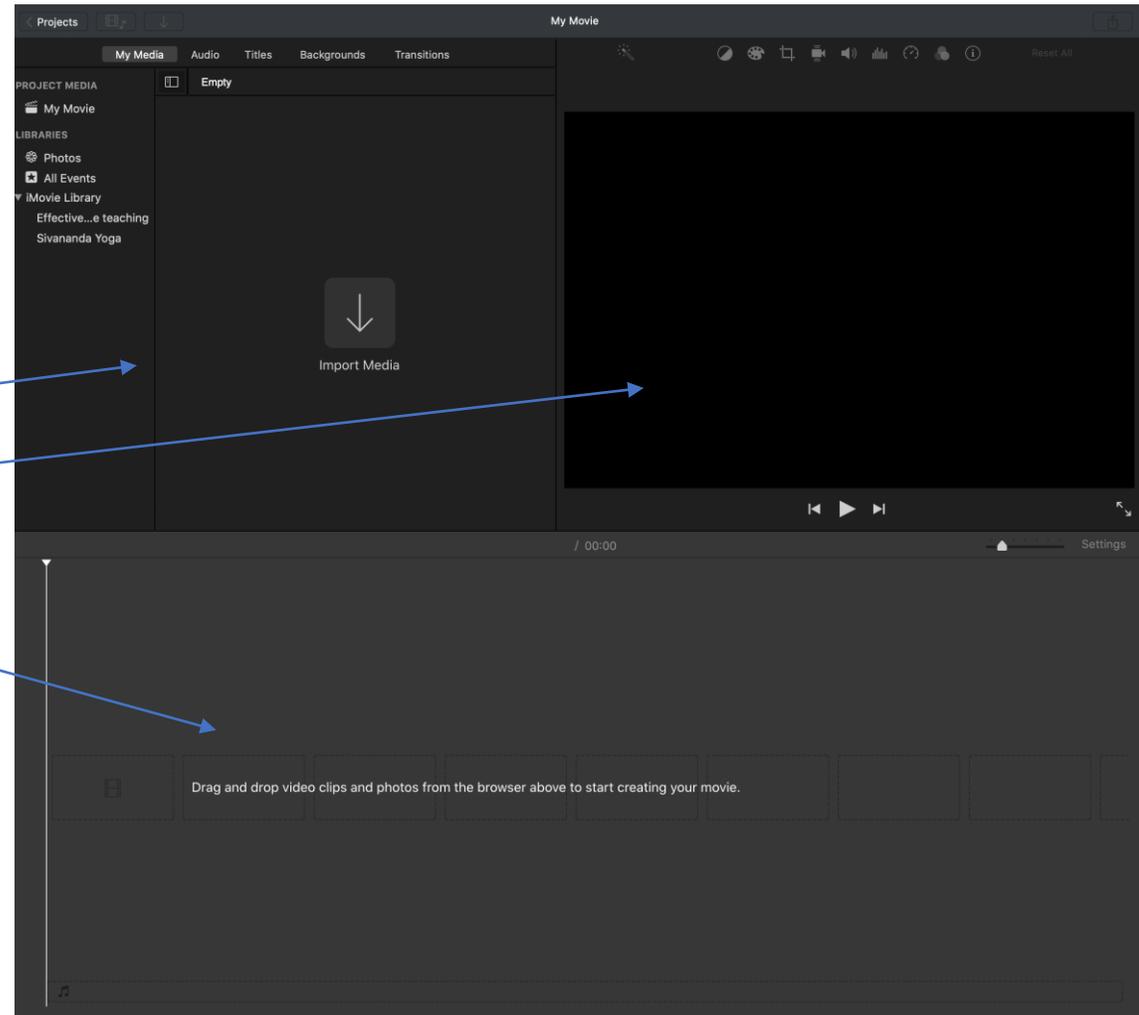
Select – “Movie”



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3 Sections in the window

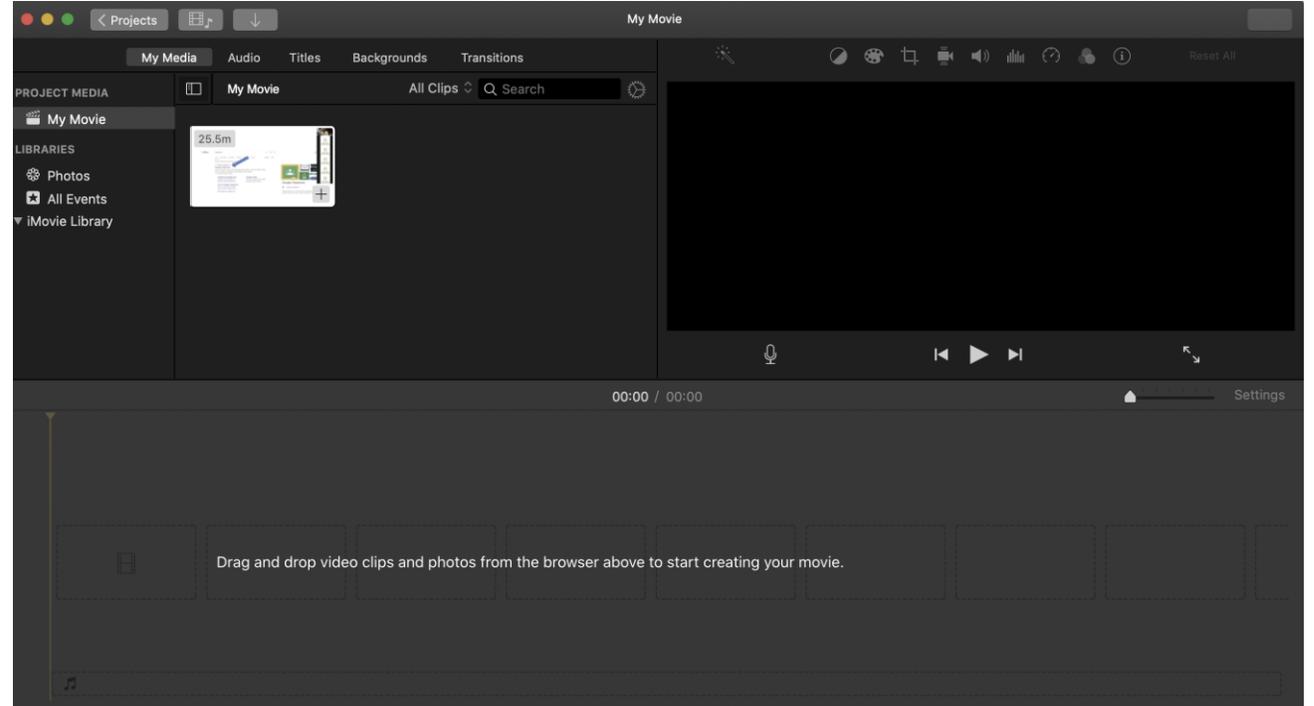
1. Area for your collection of videos and photos needed for the “movie”
2. Preview area
3. Time line – area to create the movie



Import media for project

Three options

1. File → Import media → select the file --> Click “import selected”
2. Click “Command” and I → Select the file
3. Drag and drop in to the collection area
4. If you wish to preview the video – select it and it will run in the “preview” area



Time line

Drag and drop the videos to edit in to the time line

Selecting that area would play it in the preview area

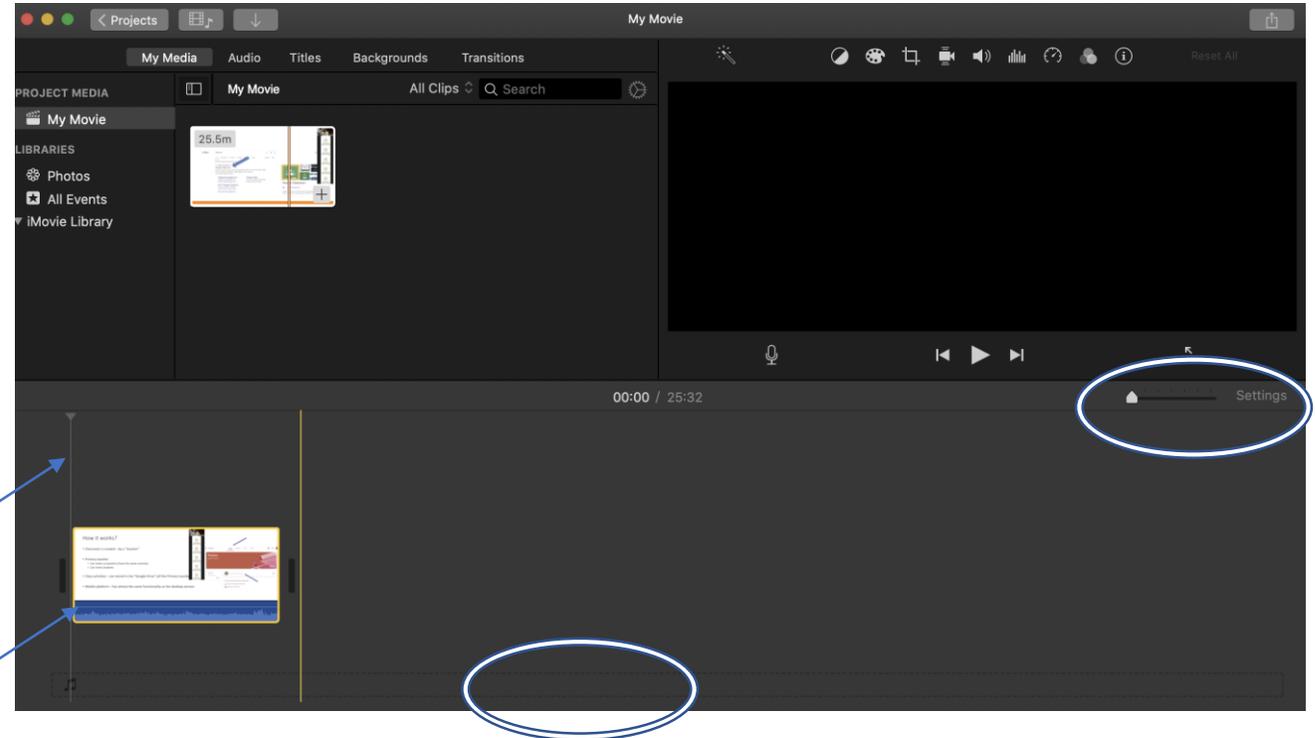
You could “stretch” the video in the Settings tab

The “Scroll bar” below allows you to move around in the video clip

Drag the vertical line (Play head) to any area in your video

Space bar could be used to play and pause the video from any point where the “play head” is

The blue area below the video shows the “audio” recording



Split and Trim

Navigate the play head to the point at which you want to split the clip

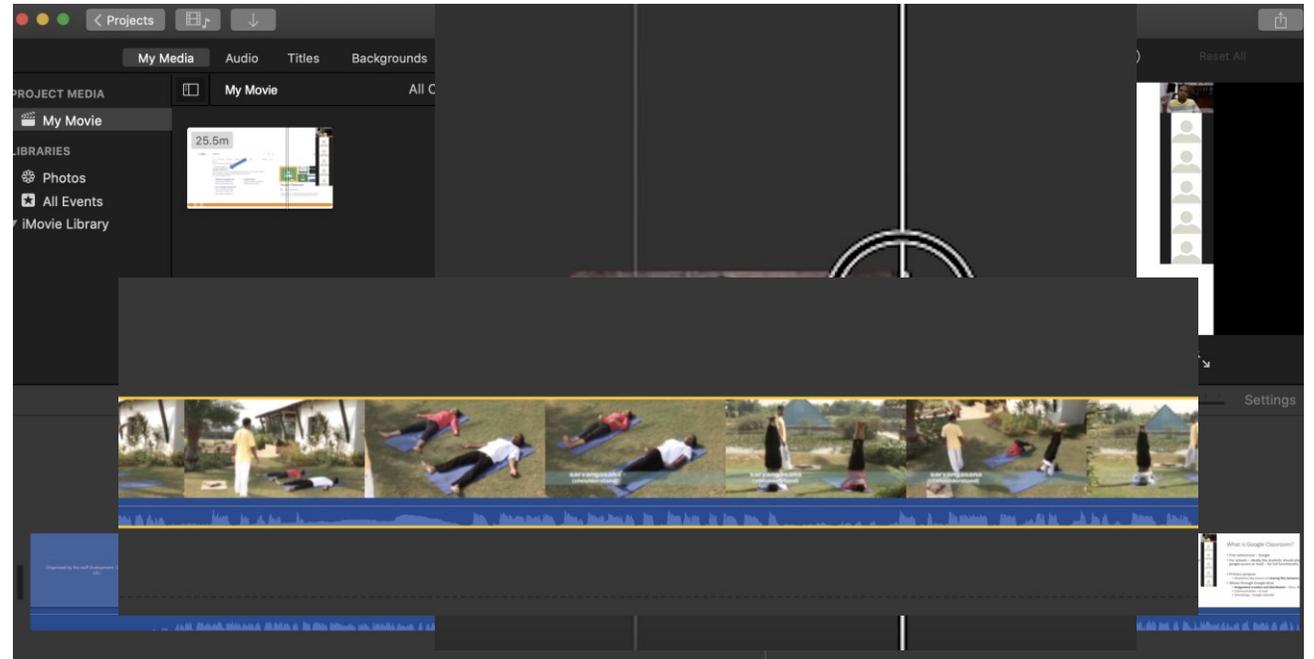
Use key board short cut – Command abd B
(or Modify → split clip)

Select the area – and delete

Take the cursor to the edge of the clip – and
the double arrow sign will appear

Drag it to the point at which you would like
to trim

The audio bar – helps to locate areas that
could be deleted



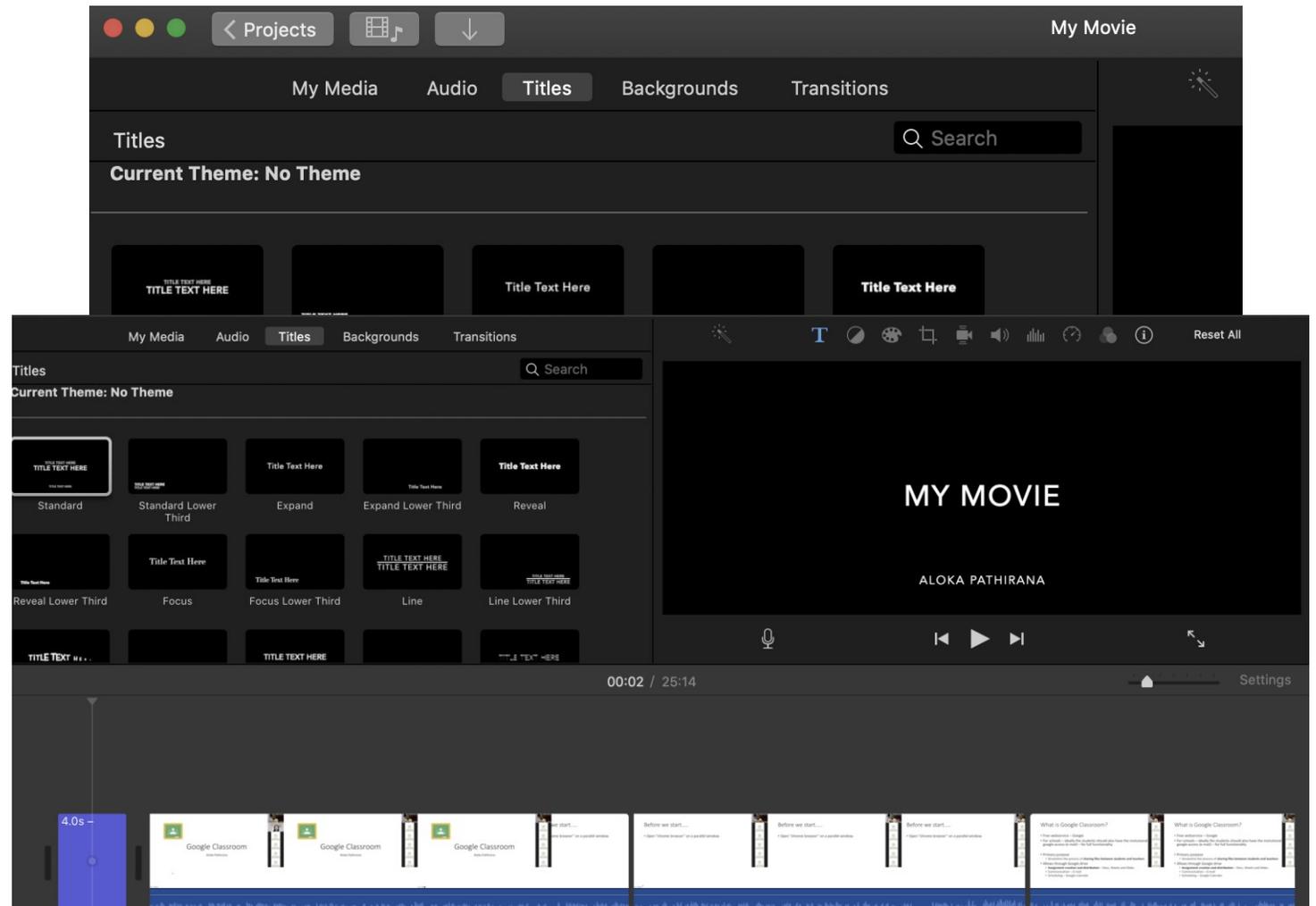
Titles

Select the title you wish to place at the beginning of your clip

Drag it to the front of the clip

Edit the title in the preview area

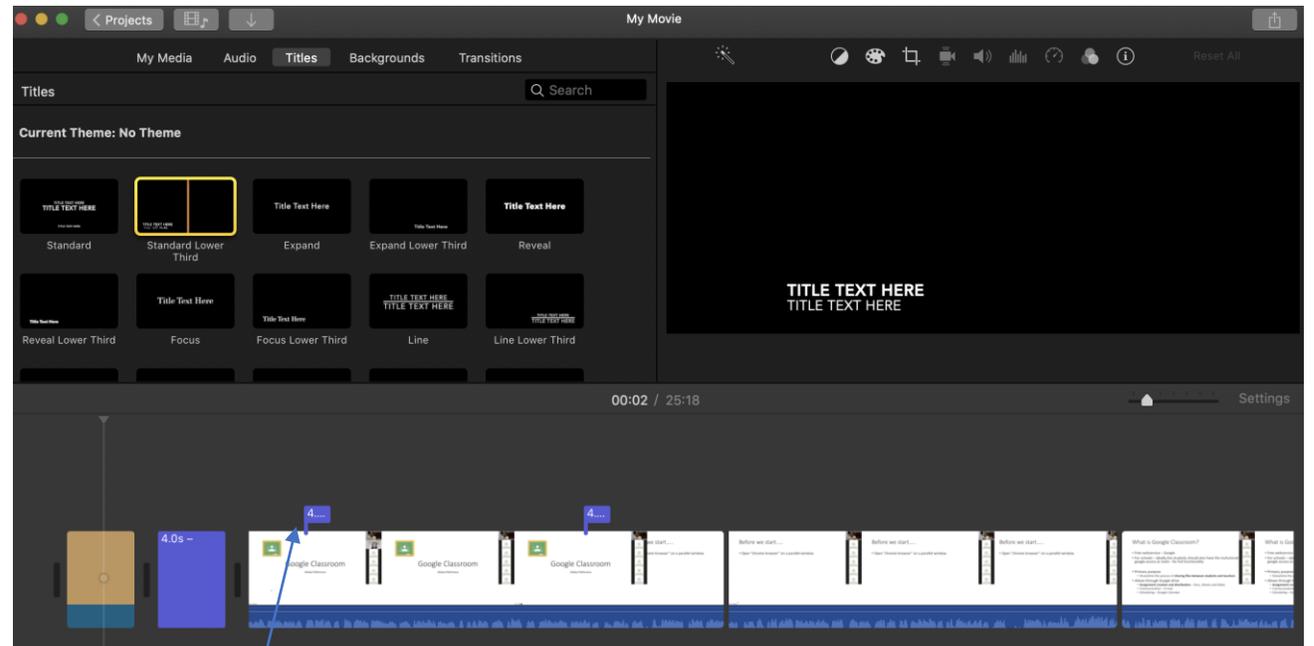
Standard duration of the title is 4 seconds



Titles within the clip

If you wish to have text in the video clip itself – select the appropriate title and place it **above** the area in the video clip you wish to have.

Edit it in the Preview area as before



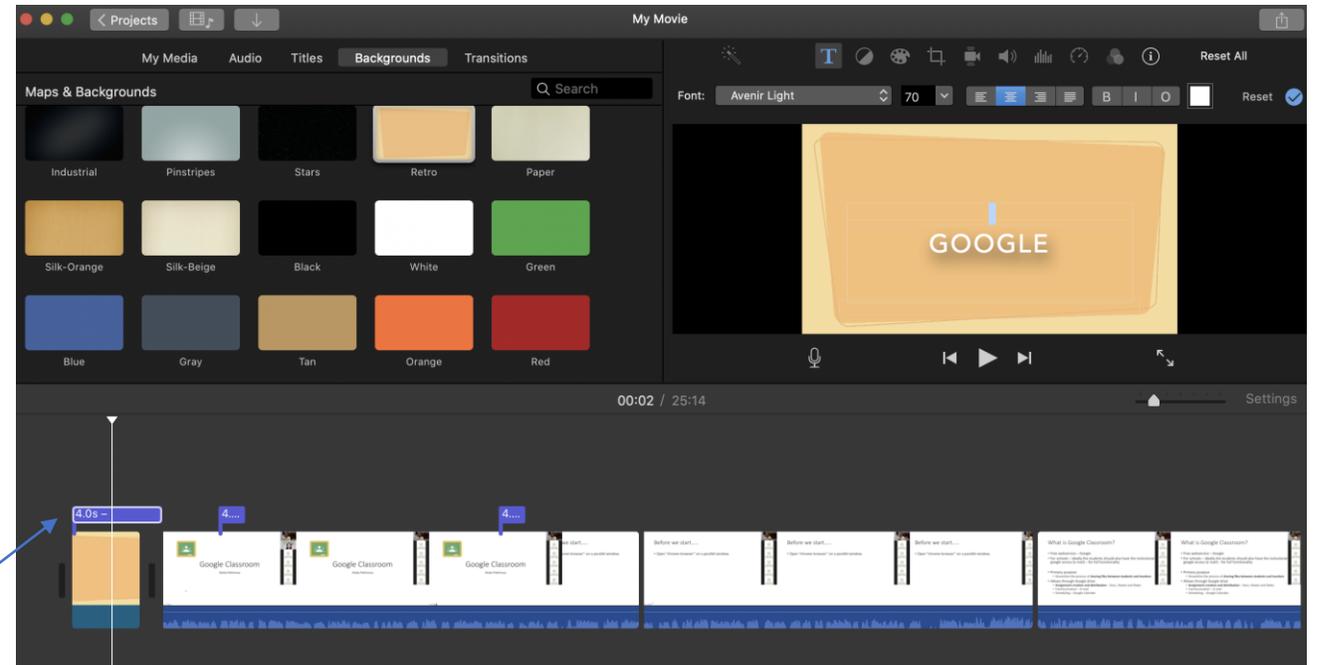
Adding a background to the title slide

Click the background tab

Select a suitable background

Drag it next to the title slide

Drag the title slide on to the top of the background slid



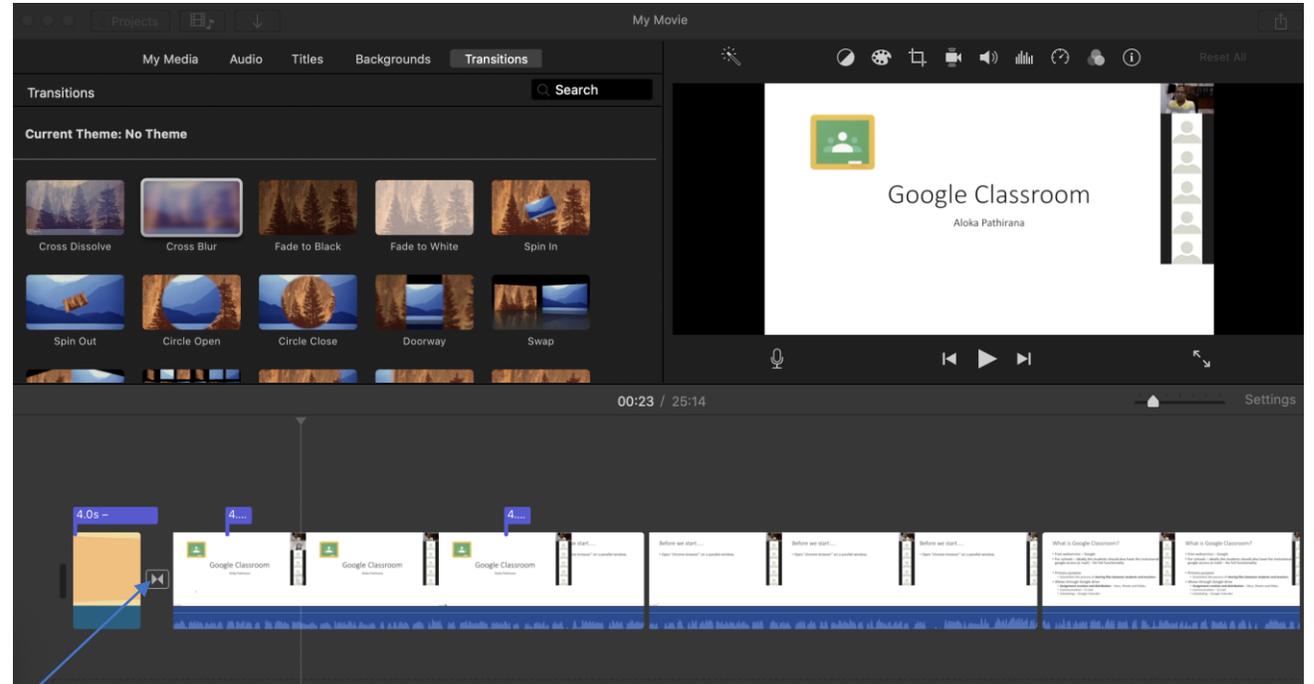
Transitions

Click on the transitions tab

Select a transition type you wish to use

Drag it in between the two sections

Double click on the transition icon – to adjust the duration of the transition



Audio

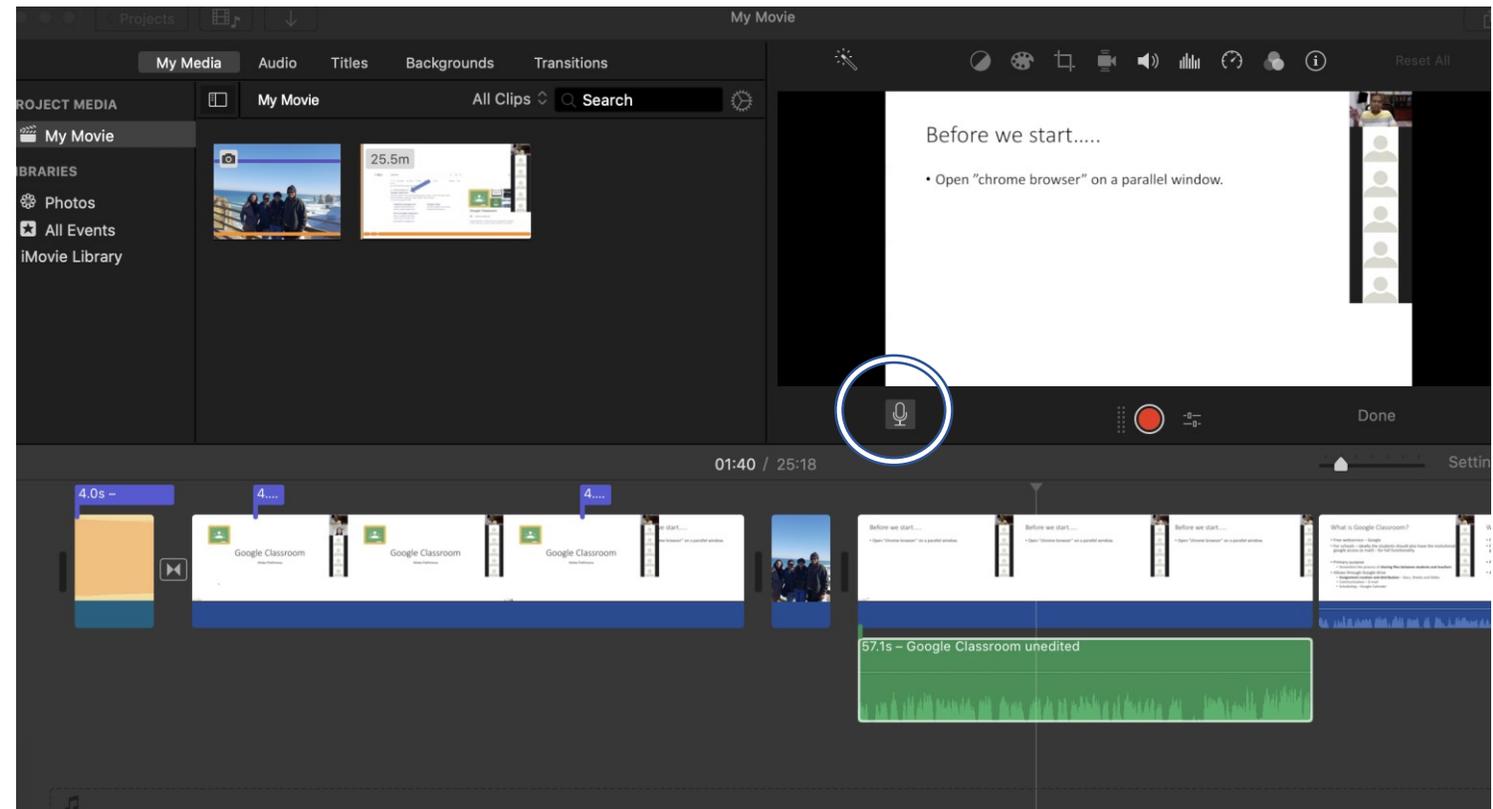
Click on the microphone icon

Take the play head to the place you wish to record audio

Click on the record button

Record the audio

Before doing this – you might need to delete the existing audio tracks from the clip (Right click on the clip – detach audio – select the detached audio clip - right click and delete)

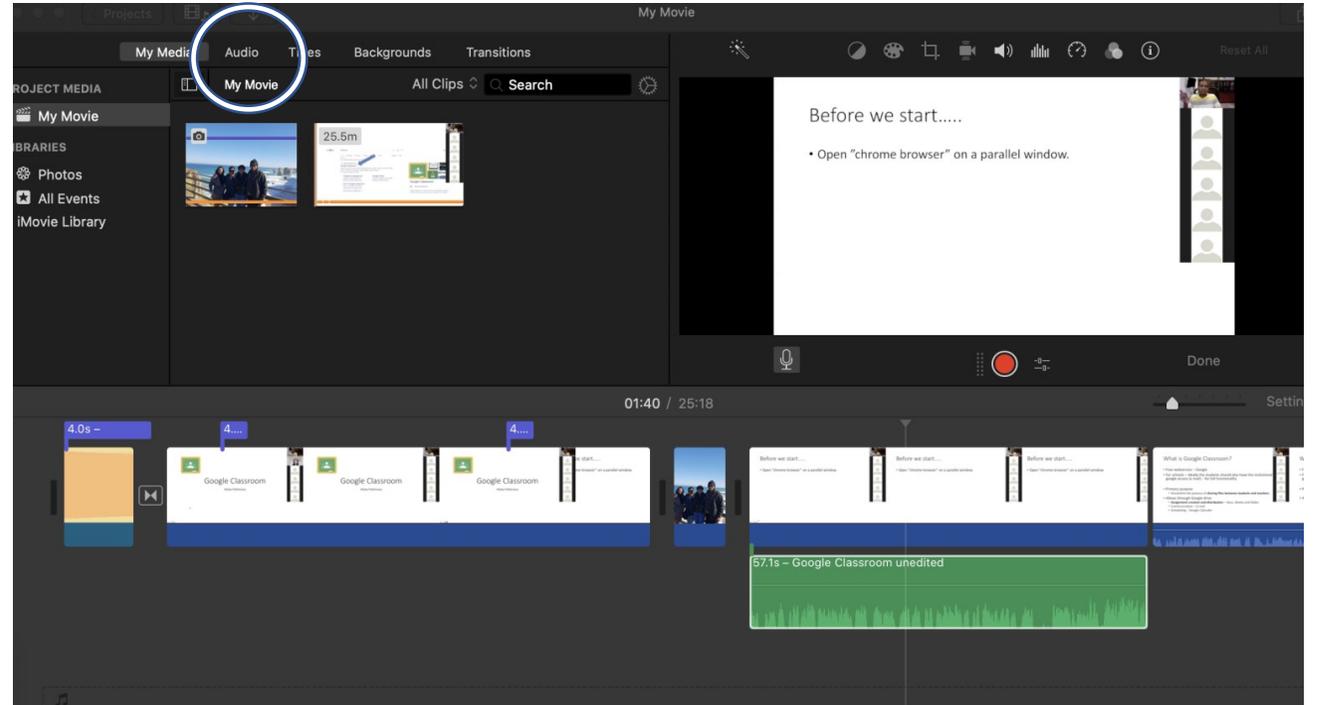


Audio

If you wish to add an audio file –

Click on the audio tab – select the audio file
and drag and drop in the time line –

The volume of the audio can be adjusted



When you are done...

Test your clip in the time line

Click on File → Share → File or Click on share icon

Edit the – description

Select the resolution and quality

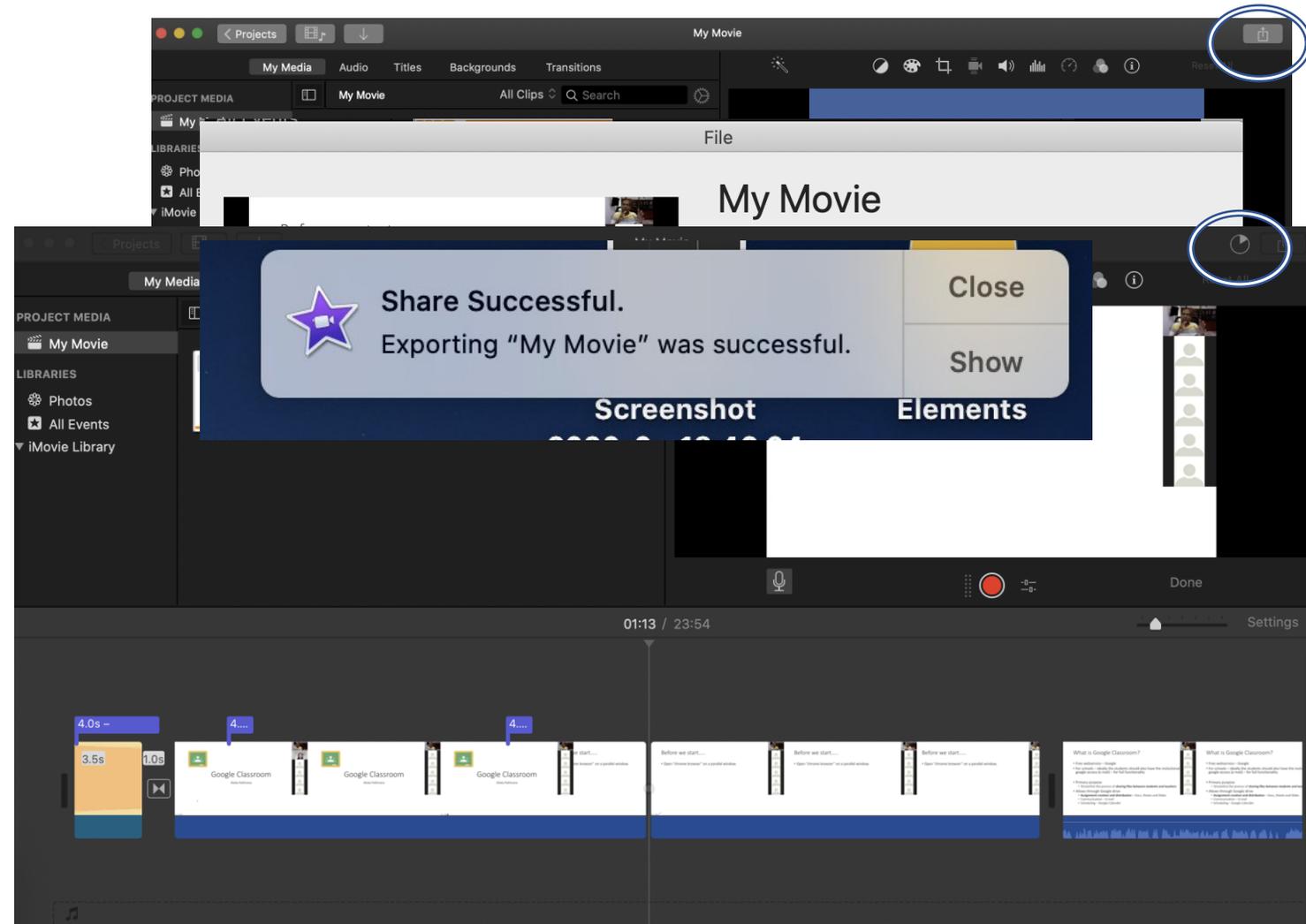
The duration and file size will change accordingly

Click next

Select a location to save the movie file

Wait for the circle to slowly fill

Wait for the share successful window to appear



Link to a useful Youtube video

<https://youtu.be/U1Hd60lwOyA>



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