

Captions & Accessibility Reference

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TERM	MEANING
Captions	Text of dialogue AND sound effects, for viewers who can't hear audio
Subtitles	Text of dialogue only, usually for a different language
Audio description	Narration of key visuals for viewers who can't see the video
Sidecar file	A separate caption file delivered alongside the video, not burned in

Auto-captions get you most of the way there fast. Names, technical terms, and background noise trip them up every time.