How to make a video using Windows Movie Maker
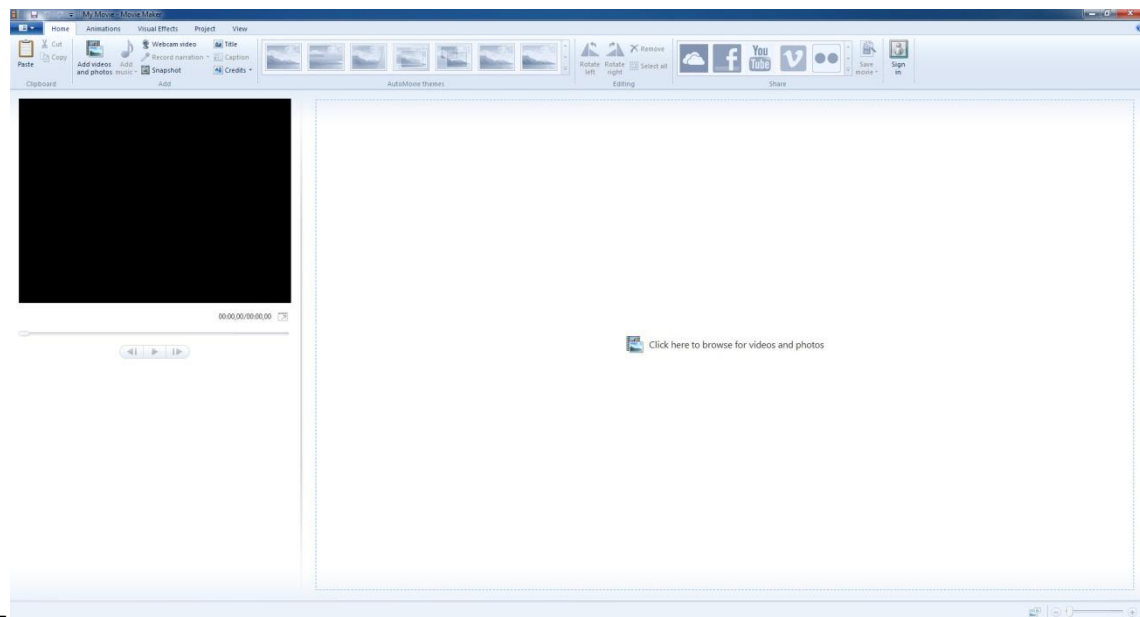
Get the program, here if you don't have it. It's free. Choose the one you need for your system.

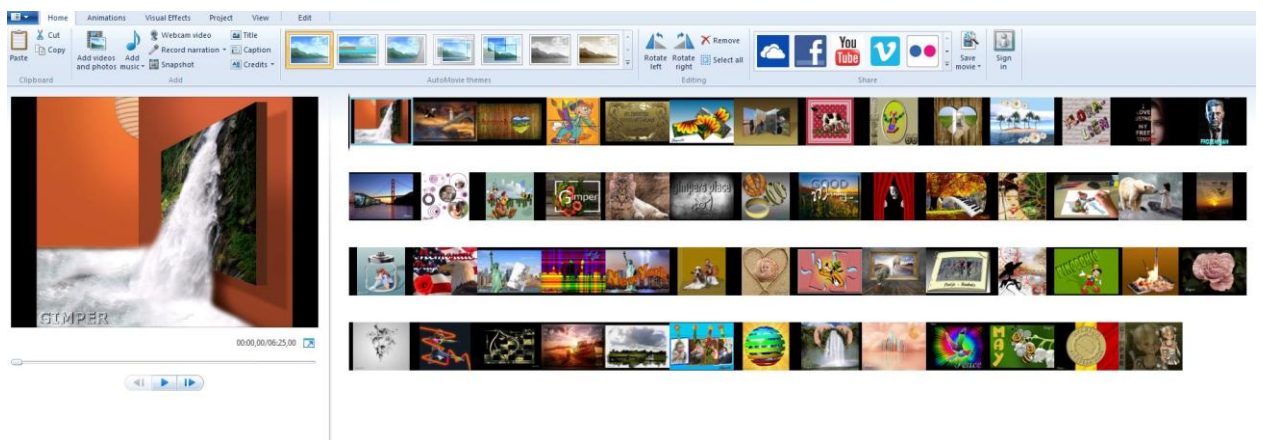https://www.topwin-movie-maker.com/

Prepare previously a folder with your photos, creations, texts, videos and a piece of music you like in format MP3. I created my texts in Gimp to use them as if they were photos, too. In this tutorial I'm going to use artistic creations from Gimper66's thread, 1 piece of music, and texts previously done in Gimp. The more items you have, the longer and heavier the video will be, so make a selection about 50 items.

When you open the program, you will see a window like this.

Download your items / Photos /creations from upper button "add videos and photos" or in the center of the screen "click here to browse for photos or videos".
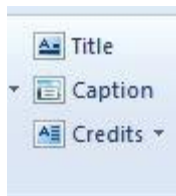
Select your photos and click on open button. The photos go directly in position into the window.

If want to move a picture in other position, select the photo and draw it at the place you prefer it to be and lose it.

If you want to remove a photo, select it and with your right button – remove. Also there is a red X upper to remove items.

At this moment you can write your title, caption or credits. There is a button to open text tools for that. When you press Title, the text tools open, too. However I think it is more creative if you do it as a creation in Gimp to add it as if it was a picture, too. In this way you can set them as a title at the first place of the video and other or more at the end for credits. It's nice if you give information about your video.
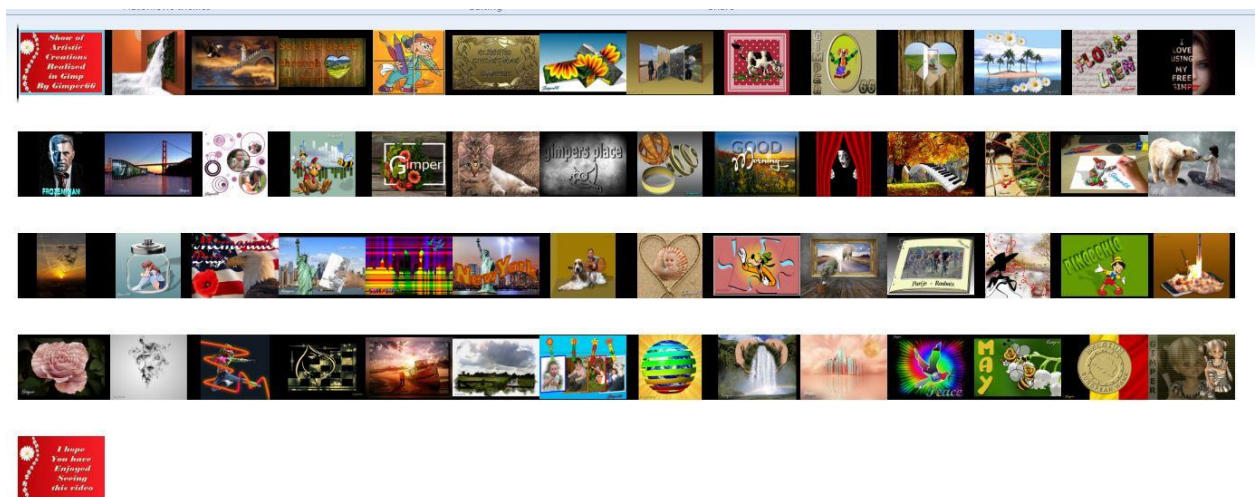
 You can choose fonts, size etc. as any text editor

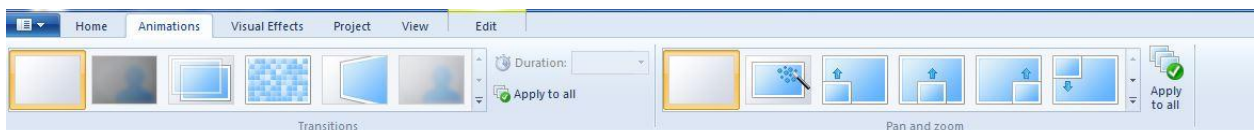You can give effect to your title if you like, by selecting the title and apply the effect on it.

Remove squares for information if don't need them because they will be empty when seeing the video.

Here I have opened the folder to add the title to start the video as a more picture and another to finish it.

How we have in place the whole pictures and graphic creations, it's the moment to add to the pictures nice effects to each (but there is a button to select one only effect and apply it on all of them at once)

Open the first animation effects, they are upper in animations. The effects for transition are on the left. We apply them first to each image.

 Select the first image, in this case the title image and on the left you can apply an effect to it. Only setting the mouse on the effect, you will see what it does. Click on the one you prefer. Applied the effect you will see a triangle on the picture on the left side. That means that the effect is applied on that picture. You will see there is a little triangle for more effects, look and choose.
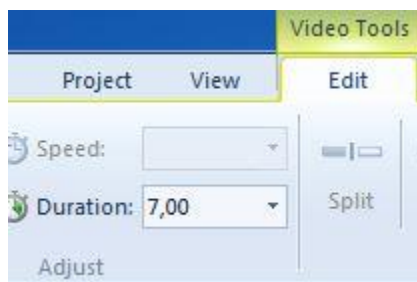
Select the second picture and you find there are many more effects to apply. Make the same as you did to the first image until the last one.

Just now you can add the other effects which are on the right. These effects are to add a soft movement to each picture while you see the video. The way to act it's the same as we did previously. Also there is a little triangle to see more effects. When you have selected an effect, you will see a little square icon on each picture, upper left side. Make the same until the last one.
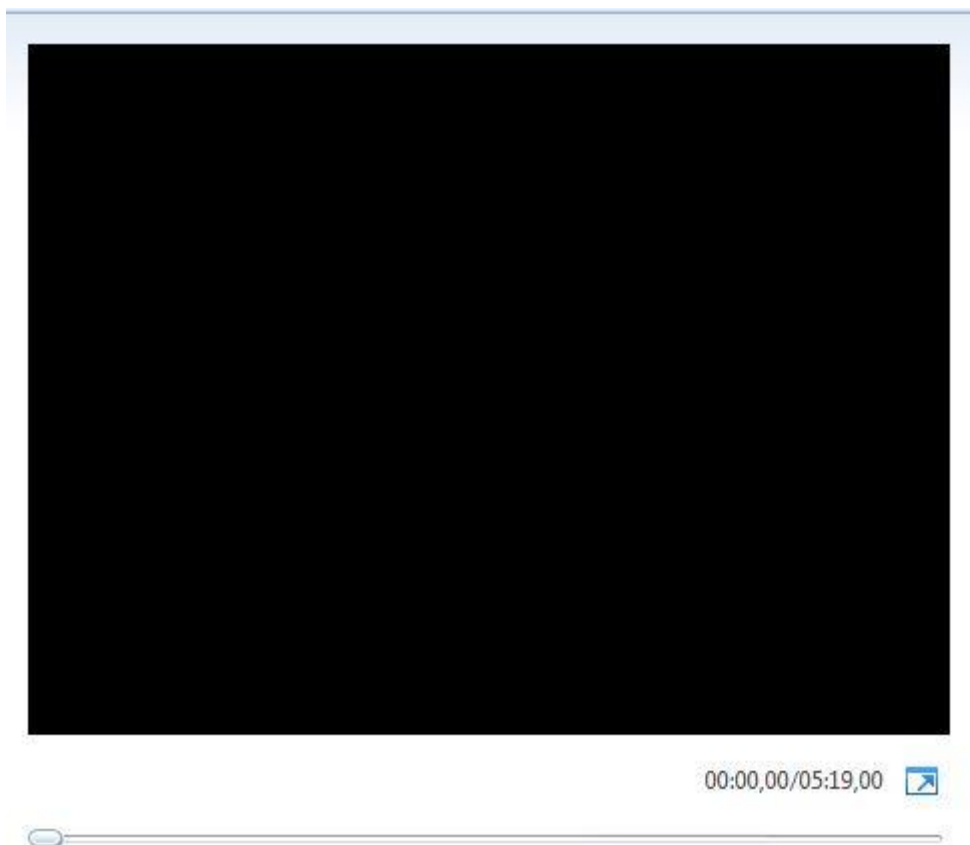
Remember you can choose an effect and then apply it on the rest of the pictures.

The black bar on the left is to mark the point or picture where you want to act. But click on the picture is right, too.
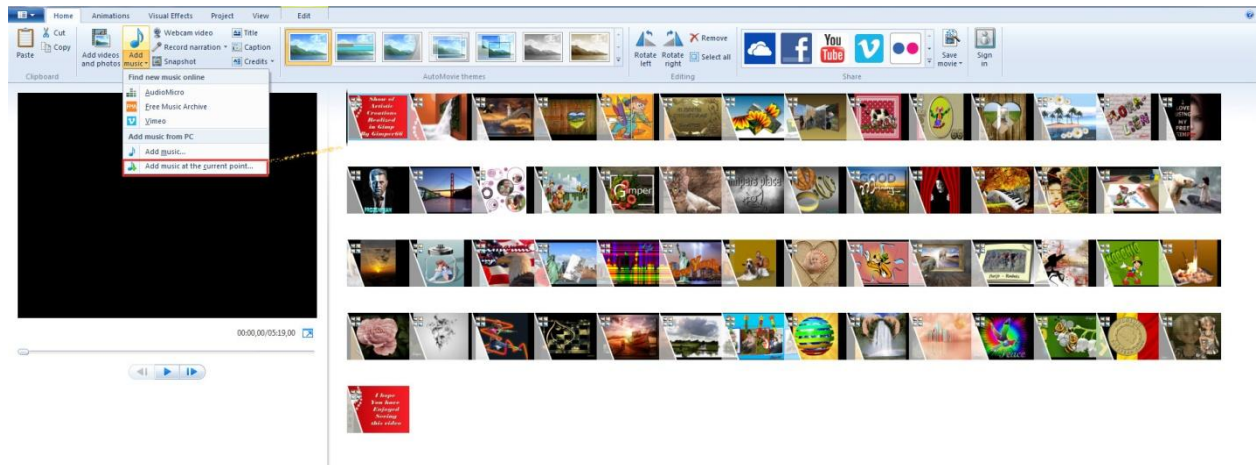
Then go to yellow video tools to select if you want to add more seconds on the first picture as a start or the last one as an end. 7 seconds is for default. To make easier the first or last information you can set it at 10,00 seconds

Look at the time that the video will take to produce the whole images. Here it will be 5 minutes and 19 seconds
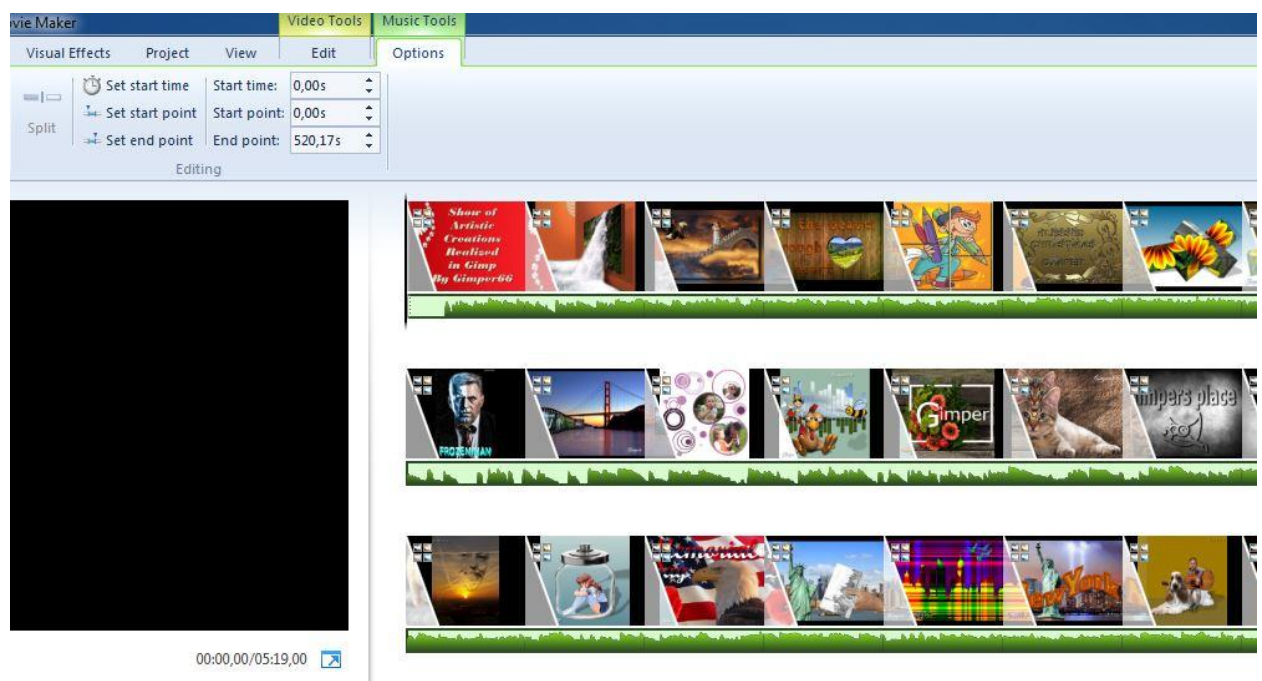
You can check how your project is going. If everything is alright, go to Home Page to add a piece of music, by open on the upper icon.
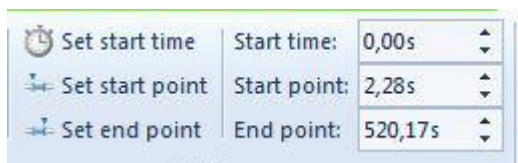
Press on the icon and it will open in your folder where you have your music in MP3. Try your song / music covers the minutes and seconds of your video project. Better a bit longer than shorter. You will arrange this later to be nice.
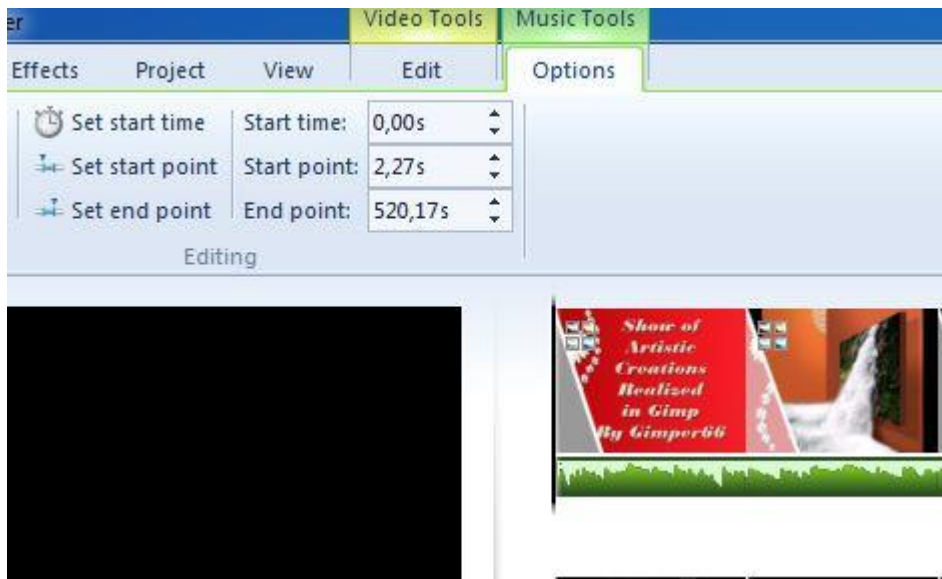

You will see that a new strip is under your pictures for your music in green waves. Normally it's necessary to adjust the starting point with music tools. Click on music strip and you have the tools just upper in colour green to edit.

Select the green strip, then select "**start point**" and go adding seconds until you can see that the green

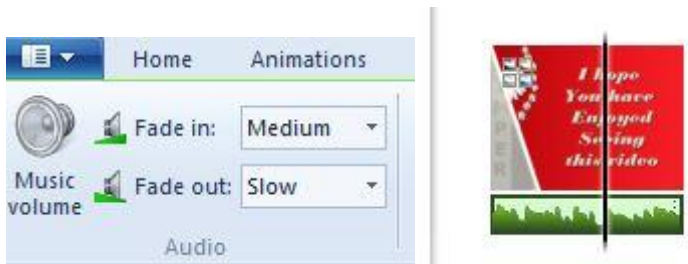start point of music is close to the black bar at the beginning.
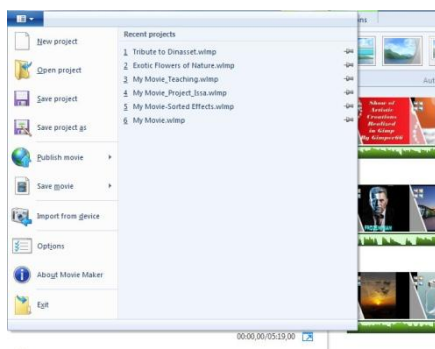
In this sample, it has been at 2,27s.

You can adjust the intensity of the music at the beginning and at the end of the video.

In this video, it's medium at the start and slow at the end. Drag the black bar about half long of the last picture to start to low the volume of the music until the end in fade out soft. Music will start to low the volume gradually just where you set the bar until the end.

Check your video for if you need to alter something before you save the project.
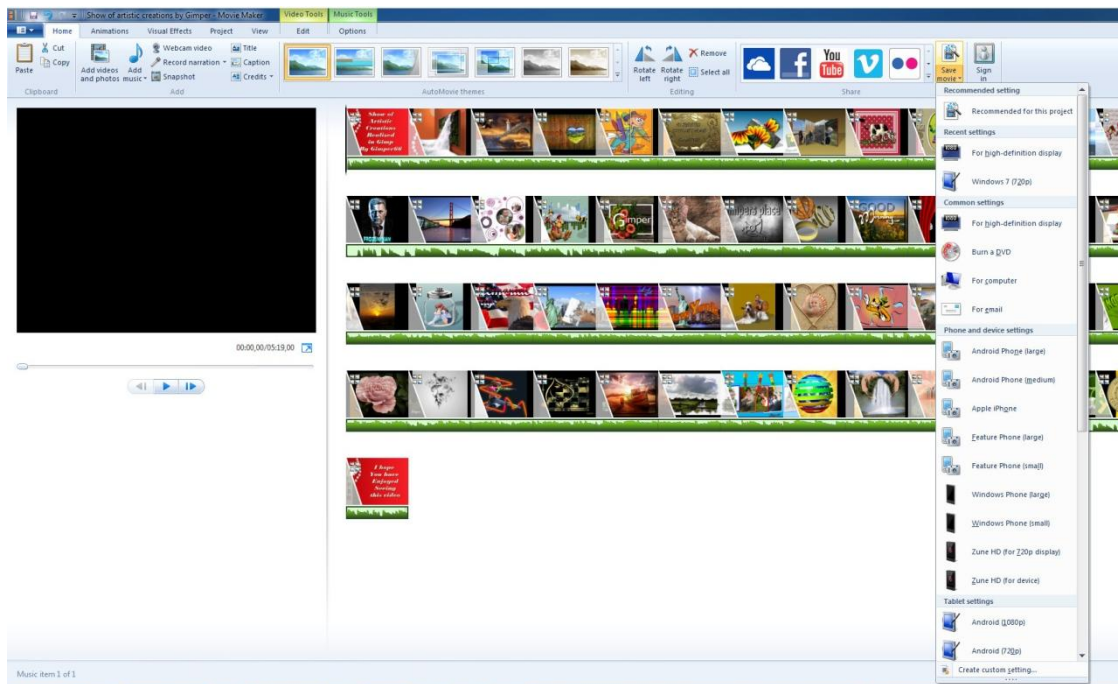
If you are satisfied, go to save project. Important just in case you want to alter something later.

Write the name for your project and keep it in a folder for it.

After that you can transform your project in a video MP4.

Choose the format you wish. (look the shot for this) It's on the right "save your movie" High Definition is a good option in spite of being the option that will make your video be heavier.
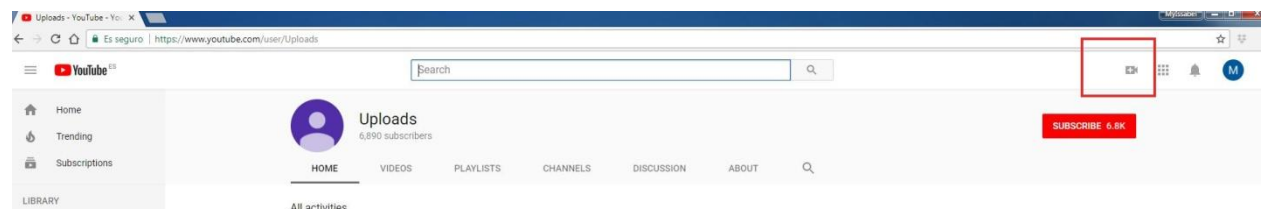
Choose the option.

Your video will be in MP4 format. keep it in your video folder.

To upload the video in YouTube

Open YouTube

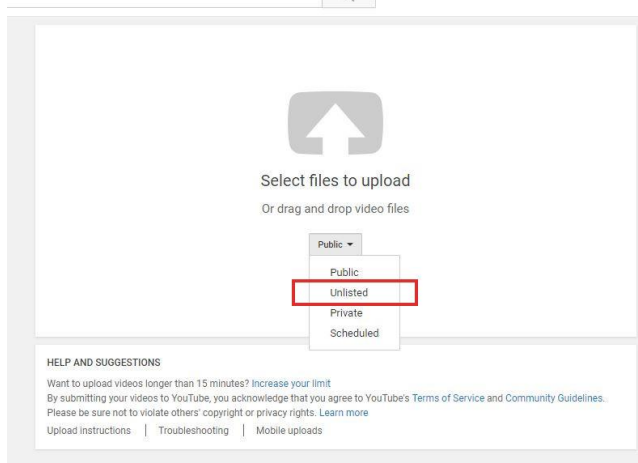Write Uploads YouTube and it opens in this page

Go to icon upper right side in a red frame, it is for loading videos. Create a video or post.

Go to upload video

Choose "unlisted" = hidden, in this way you will get the link for your video and nobody will see it except who you give the link for it. But if want public, everybody will be able to see it. (look for more options)

Select on the arrow to go to your video and it starts to upload it. Wait for it is done.

When done click on DONE to confirm, Also, it informs in blue text on the left.. Keep the link to your result of video. You must keep this link and to save it to see the video when you like later. Share your link with people you like and they will be able to see the video, too.

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