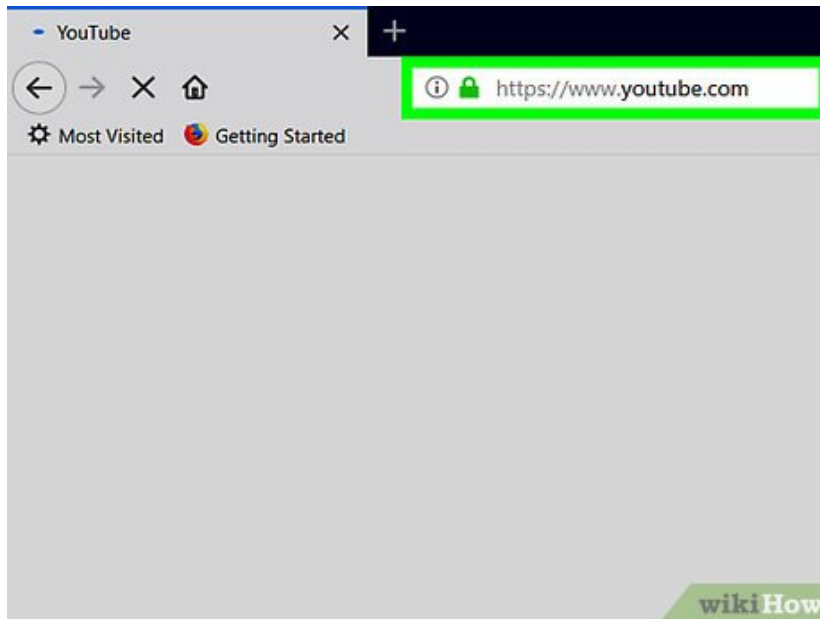


How to Add Sound to a Google Presentation

This wikiHow teaches you how to add background music to your Google Presentation slideshow. Unfortunately, Google Slides doesn't include a built-in way to add background audio; however, you can link a video with your preferred music to...

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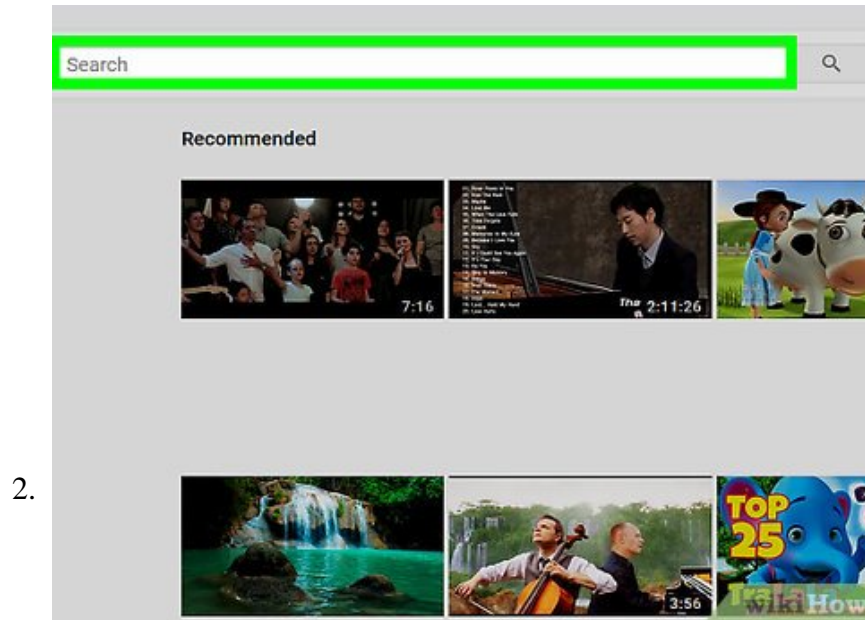
Finding a Video's Address



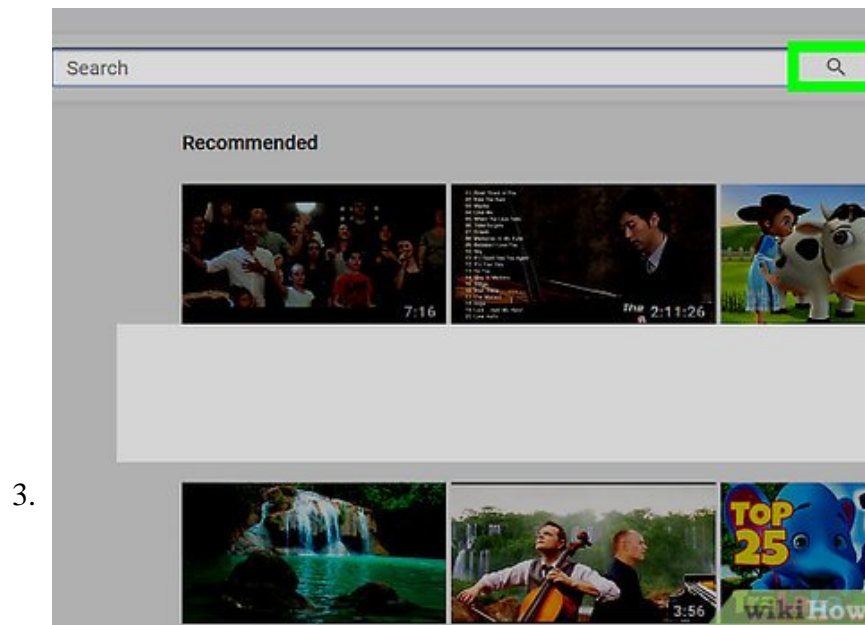
1.

Open YouTube. Go to <https://www.youtube.com> in your computer's web browser. This is where you'll find the background music or sound for your presentation.

1. If the computer on which you're presenting doesn't allow you to access YouTube videos, you'll need to download your preferred video and upload the video to Google Drive. You can then skip to the next part.

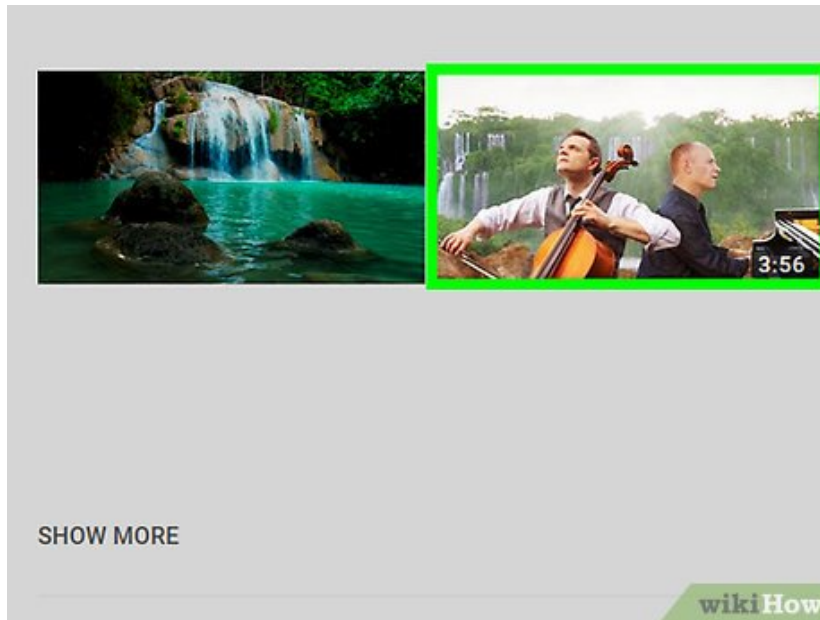


Click the search bar. It's at the top of the page.



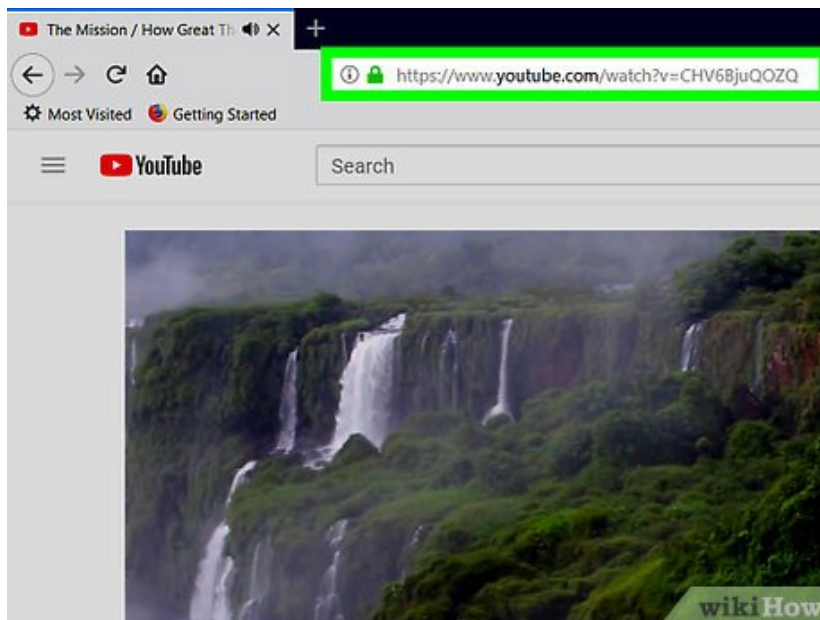
Search for a video. Type in the name of the video you want to use, then press ? Enter .

1. For example, you might search for "free music for one hour" for a copyright-free music loop.



Select a video. Scroll through the video results, then click the video you want to use. This will open the video and prompt it to begin playing.

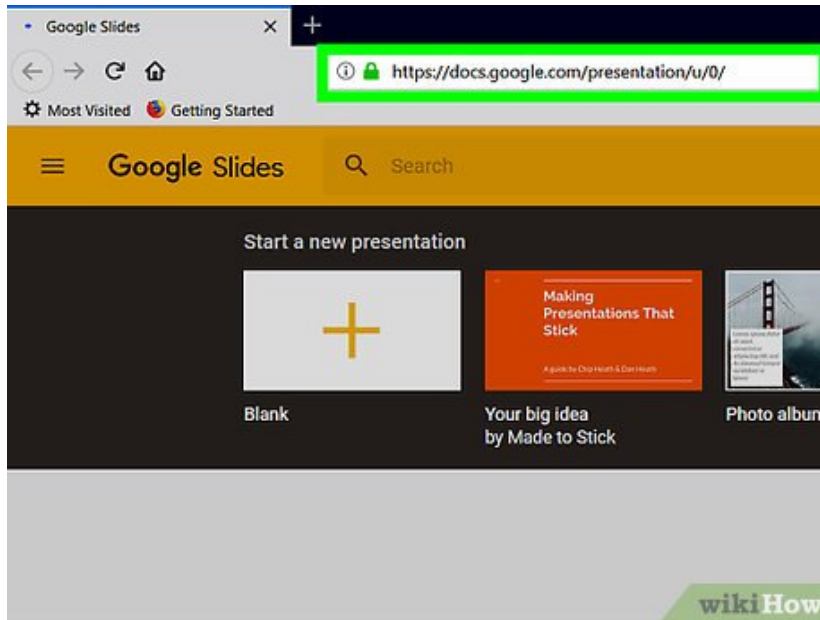
1. It's best to pick music that has a simple lo-fi loop rather than a traditional song or orchestral piece. This will ensure that your music is easier to synchronize across your presentation.



Copy the video's URL. Once the video opens, highlight the address at the top of the window, then press **Ctrl + C** (Windows) or **Command + C** (Mac) to copy the address.

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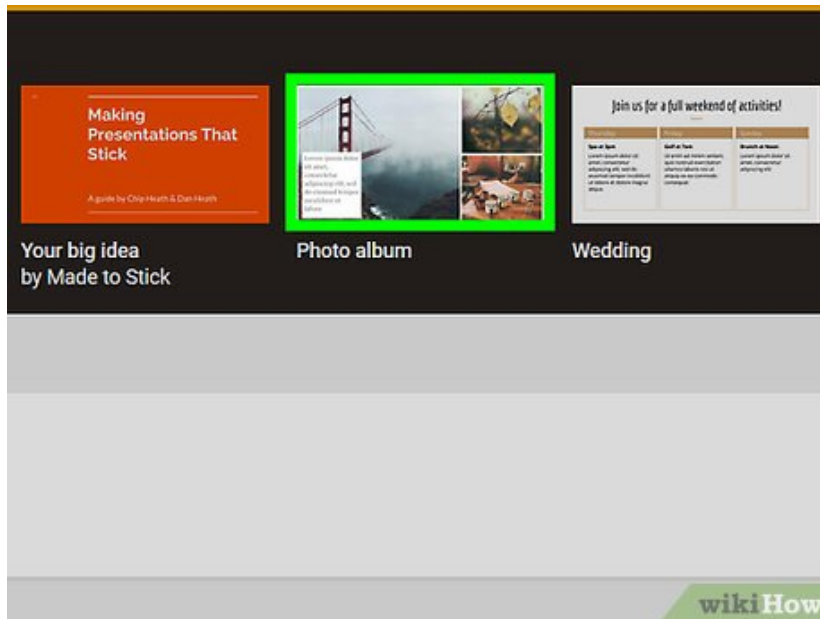
Inserting the Video



1.

Open Google Slides. Go to <https://docs.google.com/presentation/> in your computer's web browser. This will open your personal Google Slides page if you're logged into your Google Account.

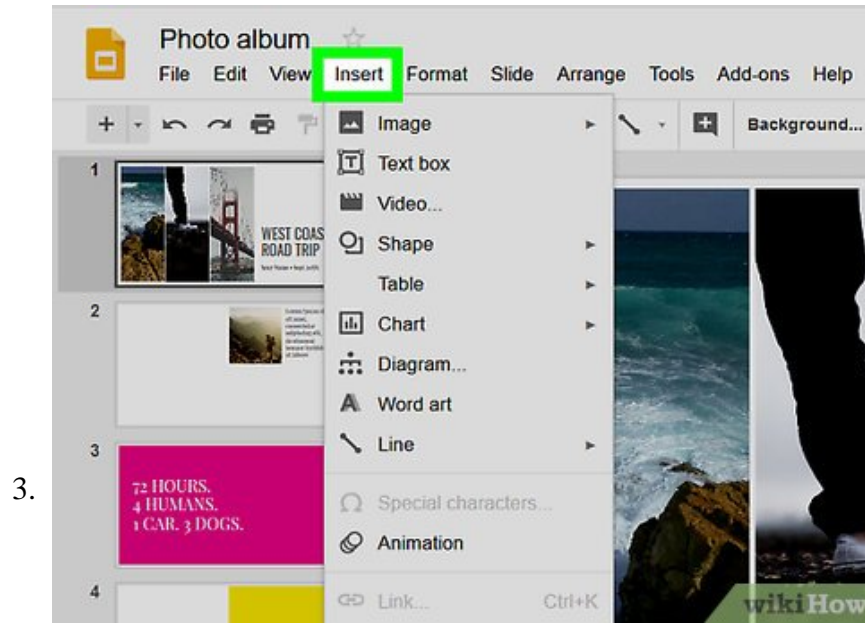
1. If you aren't logged in, enter your email address and password when prompted.



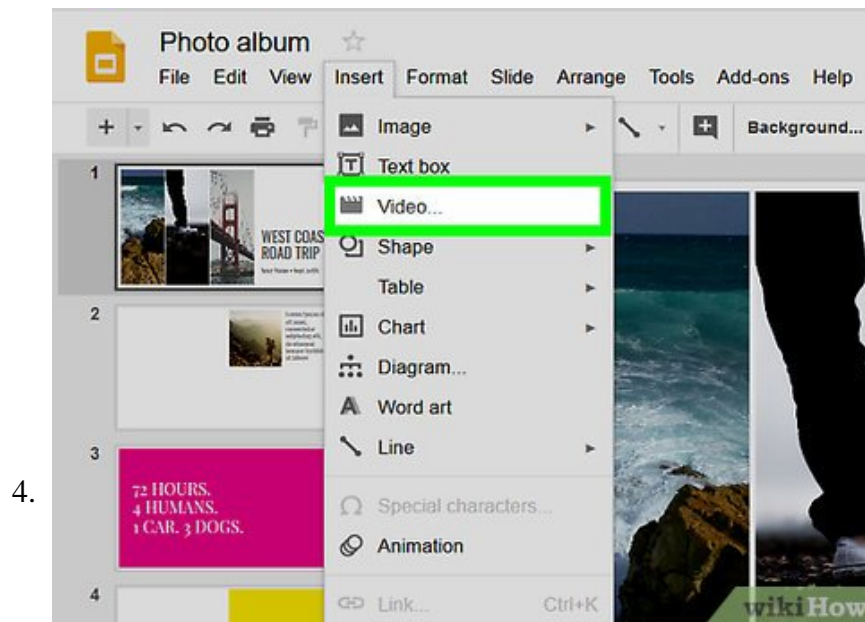
2.

Select a slideshow. Click the slideshow to which you want to add music. The slideshow will open.

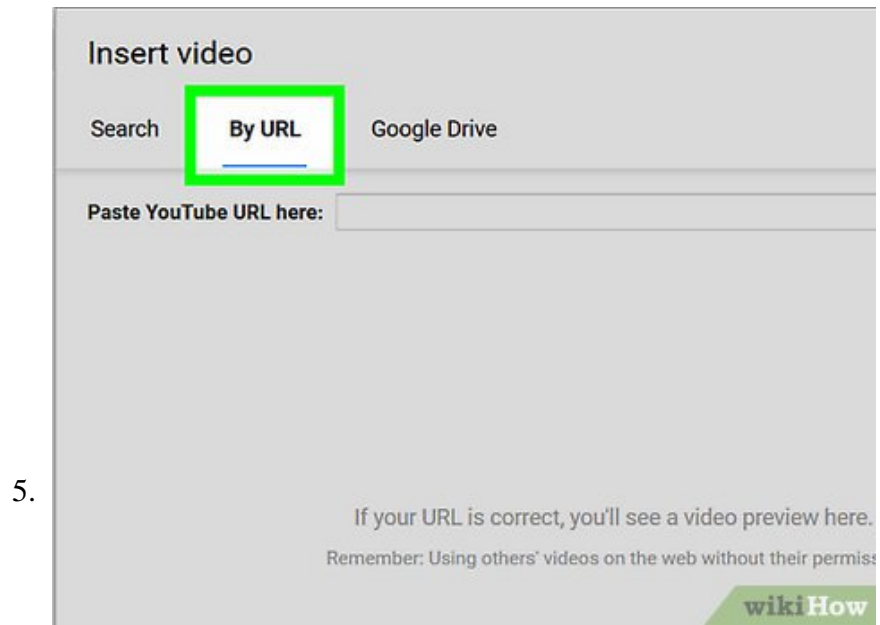
1. If you haven't yet created the slideshow you want to use, click **Blank** in the upper-left side of the page, then create your slideshow before proceeding.



Click **Insert**. This tab is in the upper-left side of the page. A drop-down menu will appear.

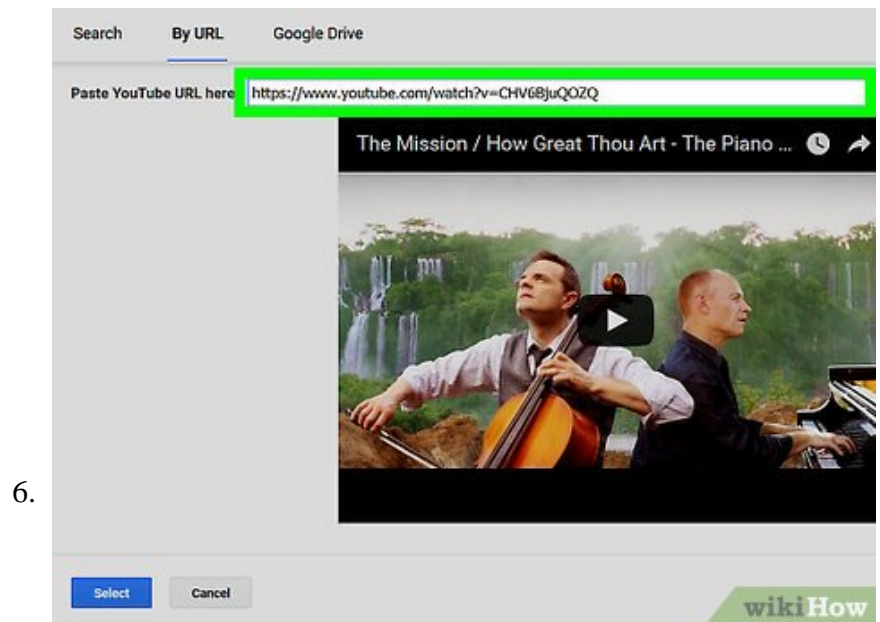


Click **Video...**. It's in the **Insert** drop-down menu. Doing so opens a window with different video upload options.



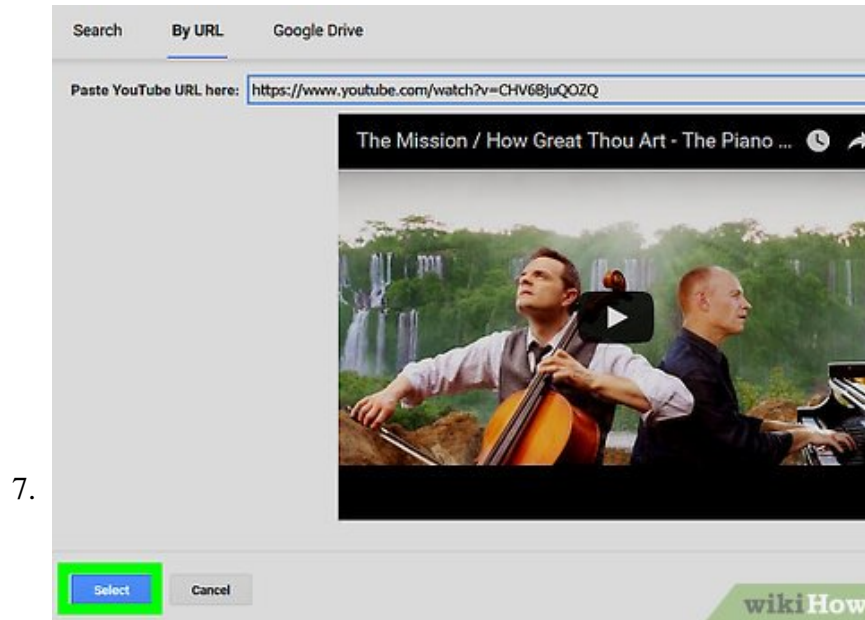
Click the **By URL** tab. This option is at the top of the window.

1. If you uploaded a YouTube video to Google Drive, you'll click the **Google Drive** tab instead.

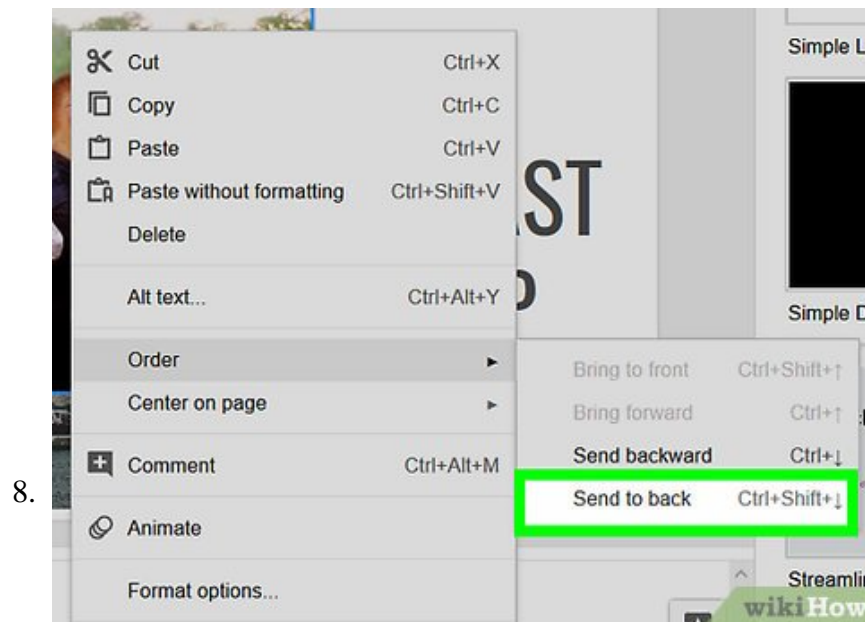


Paste in your video's URL. Click the "Paste YouTube URL here" text box, then press CtrL + V (Windows) or Command + V (Mac) to paste in the URL.

1. If you're using Google Drive, just click once your uploaded video.

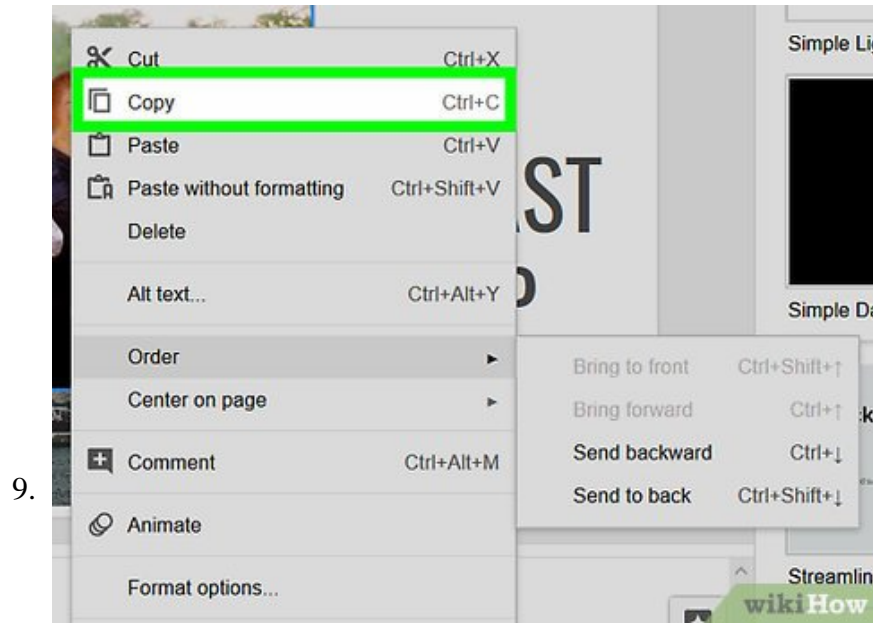


Click **Select**. It's a blue button at the bottom of the window. The window will close, and the video will appear in the middle of the slide.



Hide your video. While your videos must be present on each slide for the audio to play, you can make the video as small as possible by clicking and dragging its bottom-left corner up toward the top-right corner. You can then click and drag the video's center to move it around on the slide.

1. If you have an image that you inserted for the background of a slide, you can right-click the video, select **Order**, and click **Send to back** in the resulting pop-out menu to hide the video behind the image.

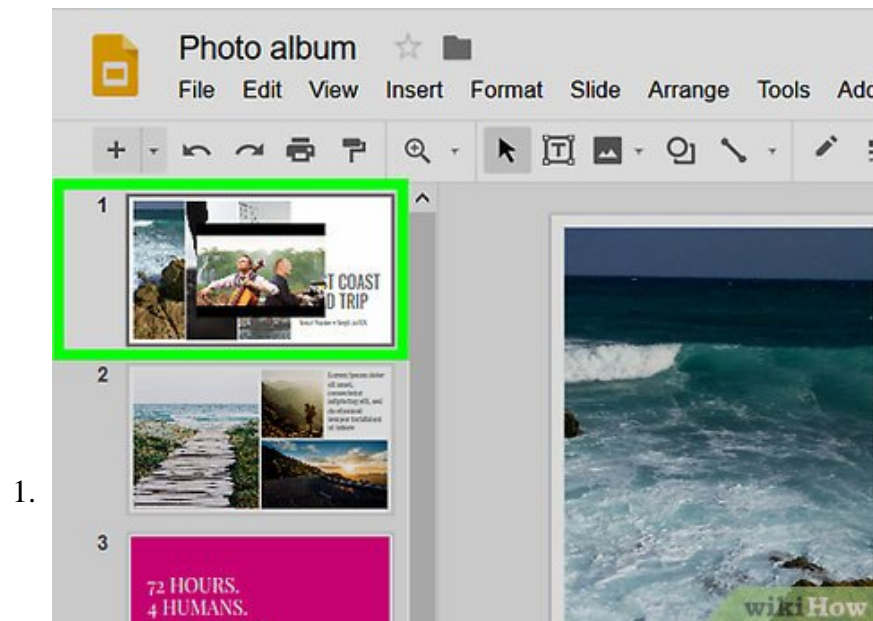


Insert the video on other slides. Now that you've inserted and formatted your video, you can add it to other slides by doing the following:

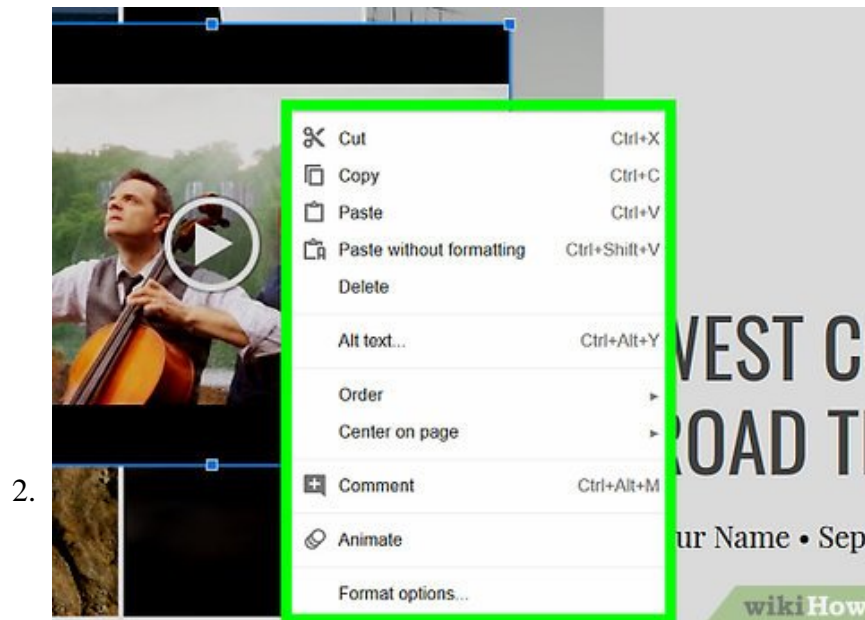
1. Right-click the video on the first slide.
2. Click **Copy** in the drop-down menu.
3. Open the next slide by clicking it on the left side of the page.
4. Right-click the slide, then click **Paste**.
5. Go to the next slide, right-click it, and click **Paste**, then repeat for the rest of the slides.

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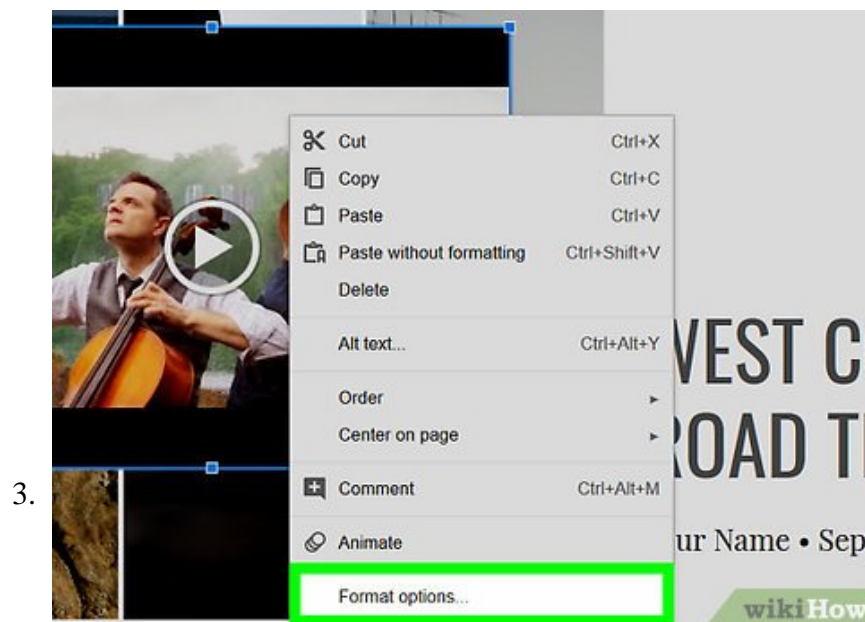
Enabling Automatic Audio



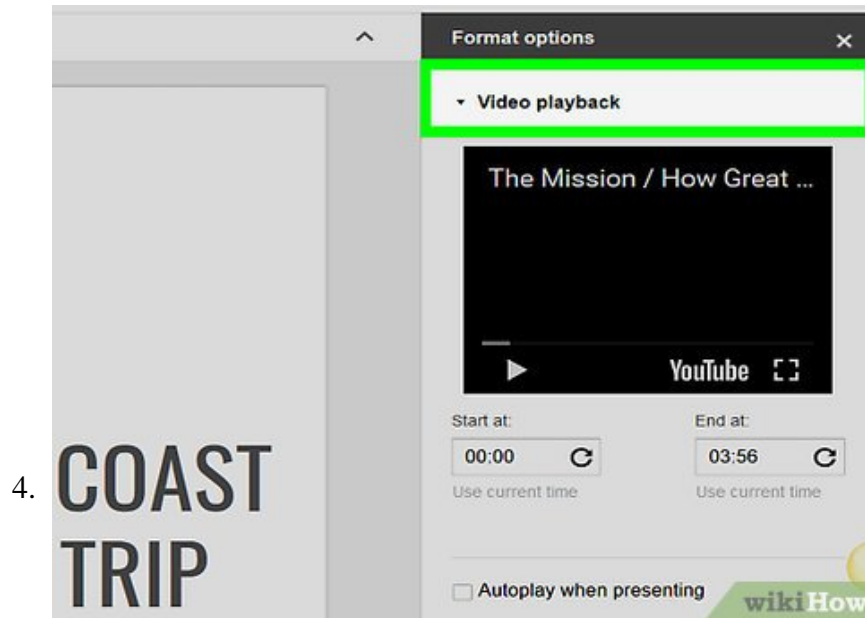
Go back to your presentation's first slide. Click the top slide in the left-hand toolbar to do so.



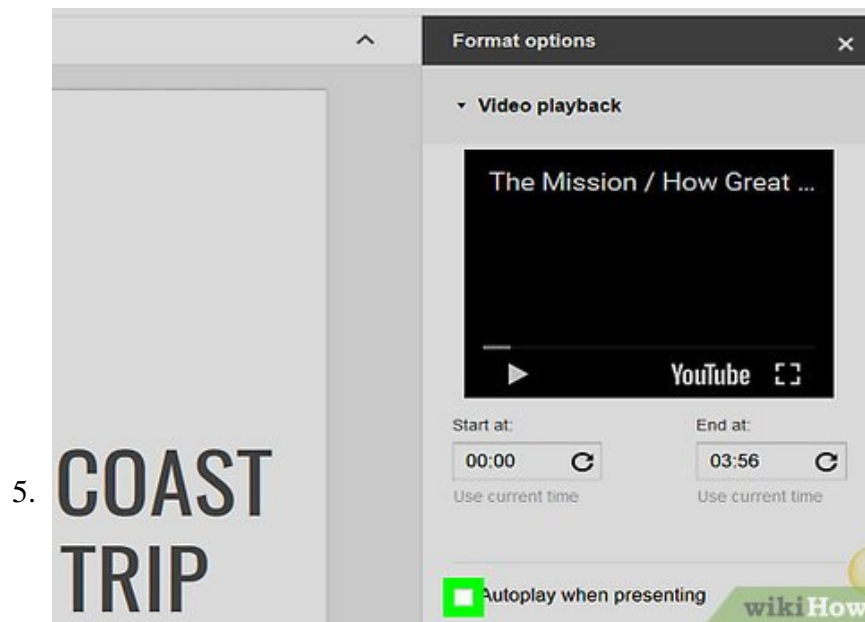
Right-click the video. This prompts a drop-down menu.



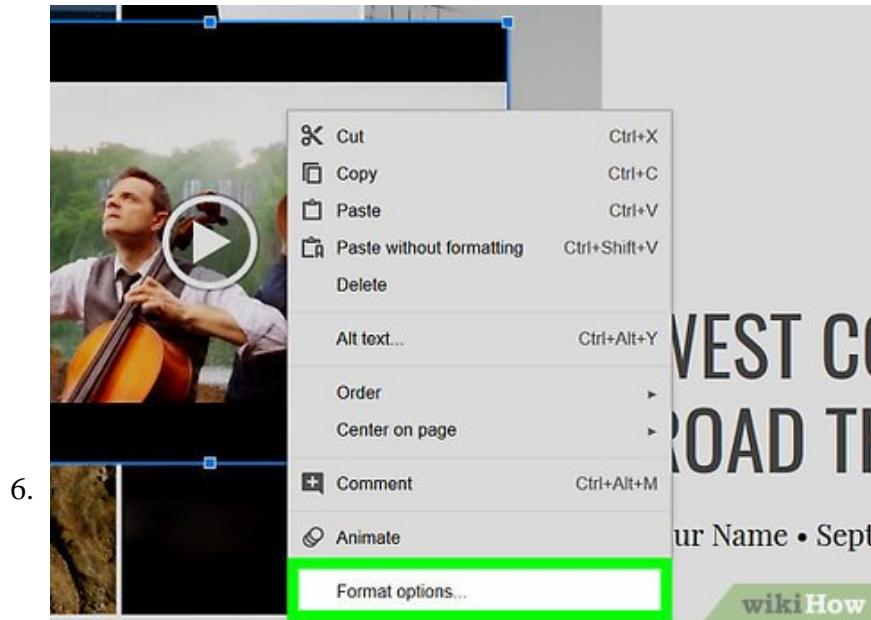
Click **Format options...**. It's near the bottom of the drop-down menu. Doing this opens a pop-out menu on the right side of the page.



Click **Video playback**. This heading is at the top of the right-hand pop-out menu. Clicking it opens a section with several video playback options.

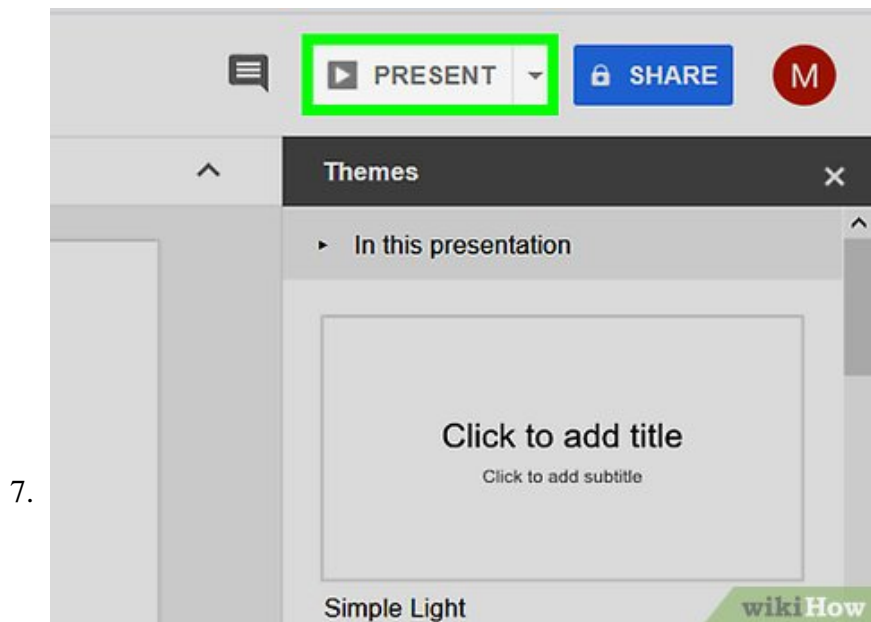


Check the "Autoplay when presenting" box. It's near the bottom of the "Video playback" section.



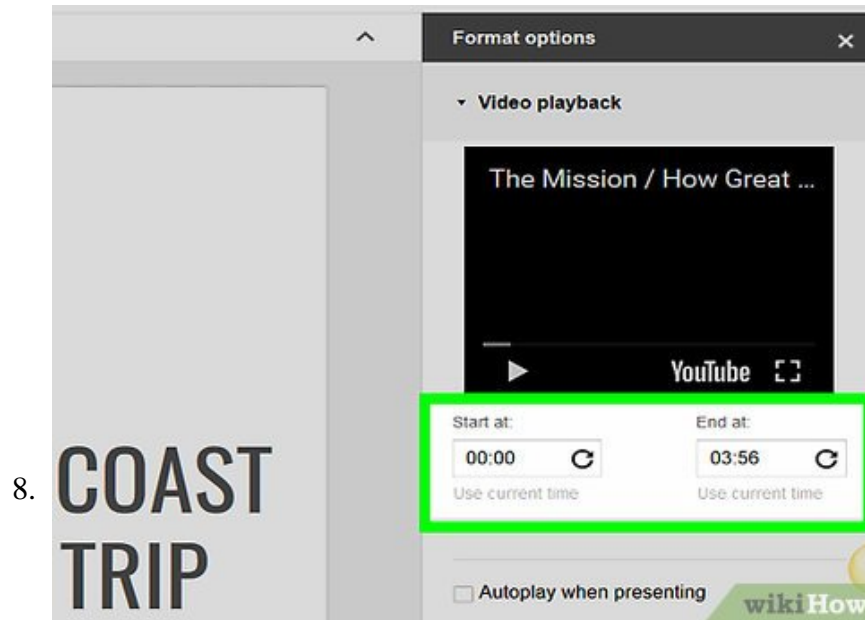
Enable autoplay for the other slides. To ensure that the video automatically plays when subsequent slides are opened, do the following:

1. Go to the next slide.
2. Right-click the video and click **Format options...**
3. Click the **Video playback** heading if necessary, then check the "Autoplay when presenting" box.
4. Repeat with every other slide.



Play your presentation to test the audio. Ideally, the stopping point for the audio from the last slide will be where the next slide's audio picks up; however, if you only spend a few seconds on each slide, your browser might not have time to update the "resume playback" timestamp for the next slide.

1. Unfortunately, you'll notice a small amount of lag for the sound's starting time on each slide. This is unavoidable.



Separate the videos' timestamps manually. If you're having trouble getting the video to pick up where the last slide left off, you can add timestamps to the video's URL on each slide to ensure that the next slide will pick up where it's supposed to:

1. Determine how long a slide should take to present.
2. Go to the next slide.
3. Right-click the slide's video, then click **Format options....**
4. Click **Video playback** if it isn't expanded.
5. Enter your preferred start time in the "Start at" text box.

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