Techniques used in Run Lola Run

Aerial shot

A shot taken from above the scene, usually an exterior. Aerial shots represent the space through which Lola is running.

Alternative narratives (or multiform plot)

The repetition of the sequence in which Lola has twenty minutes to raise 100 000 marks and save Manni. There are three 'runs' in the film, each of which is altered by a combination of the choices characters make and chance.

Close-up shot

A shot where the camera, and therefore the audience, is close to the subject. Often used to show a character's emotional response to a situation.

Costuming & make-up

The selection of clothes, accessories and make-up to represent characters in particular ways that reflect their backgrounds, personalities and attitudes.

Dolly shot

The use of a mobile camera (often mounted on a track or in a vehicle) to shoot a moving subject. Used in the running scenes.

Flashbacks

A sequence or scene that has occurred in the past. Used to communicate details about characters, events and/or themes that are of importance to the narrative. Shot in black and white in this film.

Flash forward

A rapid sequence of still images that show us what happens next in the lives of the minor characters in the film. Preceded by the words "AND THEN".

Jump cuts	An abrupt but deliberate transition between shots. Used for dramatic effect to indicate movement forward in time.
Long shot	A shot, usually of a subject in an exterior location, taken from a long distance.
Motifs/ symbolism	Images, objects or events that represent something else and have meaning beyond the literal.
Multi- visual media	The use of multiple forms of visual media to create a system of visual cues or signposts that orient the audience (that is, help them follow the alternative

	narratives).
Point of view shot	A shot that shows the viewer what the character in the film sees.
Opening sequence	Establishes the main themes and the premise for the action that follows.
Red scenes (lighting)	The use of red lighting to visually represent the love and passion between Lola and Manni.
Slow motion	A shot in which time is distorted by slowing down the action in a scene. Used to alter the audiences' perception of space and

	time.
Split	An editing technique used
screen	to show the progress of
	two scenes at the same
	time.
Video	Video can record action in
	lower definition that makes
	a sequence or scene
	appear washed out, slightly
	blurred and less real than
	scenes shot in 35mm film.
35mm film	Used in shots which
	include Lola and Manni.
	This type of film produces
	high definition images that
	make the visuals richer,
	more vivid and intense.