Charades Using Audacity

The idea is to tell a 1-minute story using only sound effects. For the best results, you are not allowed to use any human voice, i.e. no recognizable words. You can use non-verbal sounds such as grunts, sighs, and so forth. The project is all about sound effects and how they can be used to convey a coherent story.

You are not allowed to tell your classmates what about your story. This way when I play the project back in class, everyone can guess your story.

**Sound Effects**

You will need many different sound effects so others can fully realize your stories. Several free sources use Creative Commons licensing:

* [www.findsounds.com](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cwyssrita%5CDownloads%5Cwww.findsounds.com)
* [www.freesound.org](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cwyssrita%5CDownloads%5Cwww.freesound.org)
* [www.freesfx.co.uk](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cwyssrita%5CDownloads%5Cwww.freesfx.co.uk)
* [www.soundsnap.com](http://www.soundsnap.com)
* <https://www.partnersinrhyme.com/pir/PIRsfx.shtml>

**Stories**

Remember to be creative by thinking about a scenario and how you might approach it sound-wise. For example, here is a story about getting up in the morning and getting ready for school. Read it and think about the all the elements that could make this work. For example:

* Birds chirping in the background
* Alarm goes off
* A defeated sigh
* Turn off alarm
* Roll back covers and slide off bed
* Put on slippers and walk across room and open door
* You get the idea …

**You are to write a script using Word and you may not use the example listed above.**

**Rubric:**

* How effectively you conveyed the story
* How the overall mix elements create a dense, well-balanced soundscape with good levels, clarity, and interesting and original ideas.
* That there is no volume distortion or clipping at all.

**Playback**

Once you create your story, export the project as a .wav file and submit on Teams. I will play these back during class and see if students can guess what your story is telling. REMEMBER – DO NOT TELL ANYONE ABOUT YOUR STORY!

**\*\*\* TWO THINGS THAT MUST BE TURNED IN ARE:**

1. **Word Script**
2. **.Wav File**