

Alphabet Soup

Procedure

1. Create a folder for your project. The name of your project folder should have your first name, your last name, and the name of the project.
2. Download the alphabet soup.mp3 file from the Music Technology website to the folder you just created.
3. Open Mixcraft. Type in the name of your project - the name of your project folder should have your first name, your last name, and the name of the project. Then select the project folder you created by clicking BROWSE and following the correct path to get to your folder. Then click Record Yourself or Your Band to start.
4. Add the alphabet soup.mp3 file to Track 1 by selecting Track 1. Go to Sound>Add Sound, then select the project folder you created, and in that folder, select the alphabet soup.mp3 file in the folder.
5. Press Play to listen to the file. You will hear someone reciting the alphabet, but it will be mixed up.
6. Rewind the file to the beginning.
7. Press play and then press stop after you hear the first letter (leave some space after - about half of the space between the end of the first letter and the beginning of the next letter.)

TIP: Before splitting the original file - set the Snap To Grid Settings function to Snap: Off.
8. Press CTRL + T or select Edit > Split to split the region (inserting a new region boundary.)
9. Click somewhere other than the region to deselect the audio regions.
10. Open the Sound Tab. Click on the Name of the region in the tab.
11. Rename the first region as the letter name being heard. For example, if your first letter heard was "Z", then the region's name should be "Z".
12. Continue to split the original mp3 so that each letter is it's own region, having 26 regions in total, each named as the letter that is heard in the region.
13. Your next job is to put the alphabet in order. To put the alphabet back in order, it would be easiest to create a new track. Create a new basic track by selecting Track > Add Track > Audio Track or using CTRL + G if needed. Otherwise, highlight the next audio track.

14. Drag the region “A” to the start of the new track.

TIP: When placing the regions to the track below - to evenly space them, you may wish to return the Snap To Grid functions back to a Snap function other than Snap: Off.

15. Continue dragging the regions from the first track into the new track until the alphabet is back in order.

16. Listen to the file and evaluate your edits. Does the speech flow smoothly? If not, you may need to drag the regions a bit closer

TIP: To do so you may need to change the Snap To Grid functions to Snap: Off again. You may also need to adjust the start or end of each region by hovering over the beginning or end, and when the mouse cursor shows a double arrow, click and drag to the appropriate length.

17. Save the final product. Mix the file down to an mp3 file by clicking FILE > MIX DOWN TO > MP3. Name your mp3 file by your first name followed by your last name followed by the project name.