

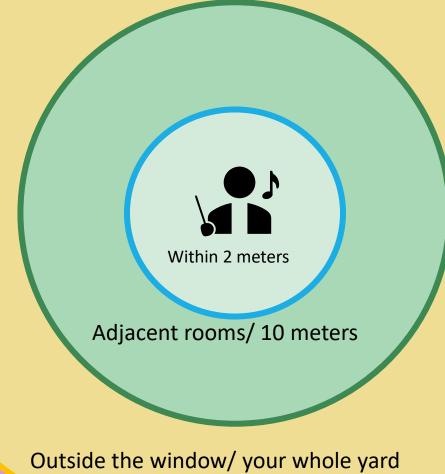
SYMPHONY OF PLACE

A five minute sound story

Your assignment should you choose the challenge:

 Pick a spot where there may be a few sounds around but nothing too loud in your immediate area. (You are going to STRETCH your listening skills)

 Take five minutes of your day to sit in this spot silently with a pencil and paper.



As far as you can stretch your hearing

Example – I begin my day sitting and looking out my living room window with toast and coffee.

Innermost radius:

- I can hear my breath as I breathe in and out through my nose usually relaxed but occasionally a louder sigh
- My pencil quietly scratching the paper as I write
- The crunch of toast and click of my teeth as I have my breakfast while relaxing and completing this assignment
- I wipe the crumbs off my leg and hear a soft swish of my hand on my leggings.
- The scuff, scuff scuff of my bare feet on the wood floor as I shift my legs
- The "shhh" of the heat pump coming on behind me blowing warm air
- My metal ring clinks on the side of my coffee cup as I pick it up for a drink.
- I can hear a soft slurp as I take a nice warm sip of my morning coffee... ahhh ©
- I hear a slight clunk as I set my coffee cup back on the coaster on the table in front of me.

- I stretch my listening to the other side of the window that I am sitting beside

Second radius:

- I now focus my listening outside the window
- I can hear the chip of the Downey woodpecker that is at my feeder.
- A light gust of wind and the sudden rustle of the leaves I still haven't raked.. I must get on that!
- Ahh, the angry chatter of my little red squirrel... another one must be getting too close
- Another woodpecker is in the tree thud thud thud... tapping away
- I can hear the "cheer" of the cardinal hidden in the trees

- I stretch my listening to the street and the houses around me

Third radius:

- I stretch my listening trying to block out the sounds closest to me and focus on those farther away.
- It can usually be very quiet around here
- I can hear the little boy and girl at the house behind me with a little yell and laugh.. I think they must be playing tag.
- I hear the neighbor bringing something out to the end of the drive. Probably for the spring cleaning pickup... Another reminder I must do the leaves.
- I hear a motorcycle start up down the street, it gets closer then I see it pass. What a beautiful day it would be to go on a bike.
- It's peaceful

- I stretch my listening as far as I can around me

Third radius:

- There is a main road and a park not to far away, I can hear the occasional car go past, the tires on the pavement.
- A truck sounds different than the cars and this one is going faster. I can hear a slight air whoosh as it travels.
- Beep boop, beep boop the signal at the crosswalk to the park. I realize I actually tune this out most of the time now.
- I used to hear voices from the games on the soccer field and ball park but they are all quiet today.
- A plane, lower that the big ones usually are. This is like a low, loud growl that gets softer as it heads over towards the river. Must be a private plane out for a nice day flight.
- And the quiet is back I am back to my coffee and the shhh of my heat pump.

NOW – Go enjoy your five minutes of exploring the sounds around you!

- Don't forget your pencil and paper.
- Make sure to divide your paper into sections for each circle radius like I did.

To submit:

Either attach your file/picture etc in ClassDojo, or email it to me at Rachel.ChurchillGibson@nbed.nb.ca

- You can take a picture of your paper and email it to me
- Your can type it into a story and send it to me
- Create a powerpoint
- Video or record yourself telling me about it ©