

“NU” for 5–10 speakers (in any languages) (ADACHI Tomomi 2000)

<Preparation for each part>

Find (or invent) 10 words (or short texts) begun with the syllable “nu.”
Each word should have different number of syllables from 2 to 11.
Compose a text with all of these words, it is possible to add minimum additional words to make sense (maybe it becomes a mysterious text.)
Each performer find and compose them individually.

For Example (English version, “nu” is pronounced as “n(j)u in English generally)

WORDS

1. nu-dist
2. nu-mer-ate
3. nu-ga-to-ry
4. nu-mer-ol-o-gist
5. new eng-land ho-tel
6. nu-mer-ol-o-gist par-ty
7. nu-mis-mat-tics so-ci-e-ty
8. new jer-sey sym-pho-ny or-ches-tra
9. new-est a-maz-ing no-ti-fi-ca-tion
10. nu-cle-ar non-pro-li-fe-ra-tion trea-ty

TEXT

“The nugatory numismattics society numerates the number of numerologists and numeologist parties for nudists in New Jersey Symphony Orchestra in the New England Hotel according to the newest amazing notification of nuclear nonproliferation treaty.”

<Performance>

Each performer separately pronounce “nu” 10~15 times with very soft voice and long intervals (around 10 seconds.) According to a leader of performers, performers pronounce the 1st word 9~14 times with a bit louder voice and a bit shorter intervals, then, according to a leader of performers, performer pronounce the 2nd word 8~13 times with a bit louder voice and a bit shorter intervals, Repeat the process.
In the last part, after performers pronounce the 10th word 1~5 times with very loud voice and minimum intervals, speak the text you composed as fast as possible and quite loud voice only once.

Imagine a water wheel starts to turn very very slowly and gets faster gradually, then finally break down.