



The Countdown Challenge

Fancy testing your timed production skills? If so, this challenge is for you!

Prerequisite requirements:

Software: <https://hofa-plugins.de/en/plugins/4u-projecttime/> - You should download the Freeware version for this project.

Requirements:

You have approximately 1.5hrs to complete the production of any record of your choosing. This may be a remix, an original, or any other musical piece you wish to write. The only requirement is that it is a full and complete end product (i.e all sections are complete and not missing).

The objective of this task is to revise practical application skills combined with working to (in this case) very strict deadlines! This is a great exercise for both beginner and intermediate producers looking to brush up on their skills.

Appraisal:

It is important to appraise your own work and understand where additional training may be required in order to further develop your skills. You may wish to become faster and more familiar with sequencing MIDI, for example. It would be beneficial for you to revisit this challenge semi-regularly, either for fun or to keep self-appraising your skills. You should look to mark yourself on factors such as: Mix, Melody & Tonality, prospective audience engagement (i.e “would I or others want to listen to this voluntarily?”, fluidity and musical coherence (as a whole track). **Remember: You’re not expected to produce a grammy-winning record during this time! The objective is to produce something creative and of “reasonable standard” given the strict time constraints!**

Notice for Academic:

This challenge may be delivered as part of an academic assessment. If you are a Student, your teacher may wish for you to submit the project file in addition to the finished audio file. This is at the discretion of the educational facility. Your facility’s marking criteria for this assessment may be different to the guidelines listed above.