

# SETTING UP A HOME RECORDING STUDIO

1. Find a quiet space to record. Record inside, in a small room with soft surfaces. Closets and bedrooms are best. The inside of a car also works if you're not on a busy street.
  - Avoid your kitchen and bathroom! Avoid big rooms, rooms with concrete or tiles, and places with constant "hums" in the background like a heater or a refrigerator.
2. If you can't fit in your closet, make a pillow fort by stacking up a bunch of pillows around you. And/or drape a blanket or rug or soft coat over your head. Seriously, it works!
3. Once you've chosen your space, sit quietly for 30 seconds. What sounds do you hear? Is a fan buzzing or a clock ticking? If you can, adjust your space to make it even quieter.
4. While you're in your closet with a blanket over your head, be sure you can still see and use all your equipment. You'll need your computer open with your script, and your recorder on a "mic stand" made out of a stack of books so it's at mouth height.
  - If you choose to hold your recorder, keep your hands still to avoid mic handling noise. Also avoid the sound of a rustling coat or blanket if you've got one over your head.

