

Class Exercise #5

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The sound clip titled “Children-and-animals-general-ambiance-22256” is approximately 77 seconds long and is in stereo format with two channels. Firstly, the presence of children and animals was easily identifiable, with the sounds of footsteps and periodic bird chirping sounds in the background. Additionally, the clip includes noises from dogs, monkeys, children, and a couple of objects that are hard to identify dropping and moving intermittently. At the 10-second mark, the sound of monkeys, or animals with similar vocalizations become pronounced (presumably smaller animals due to its high pitch sounds). At 12-second mark, a sound reminiscent of a mother playfully interacting with her child is audible (Woo sound). At 35-second mark, a conspicuous dropping noise suggests a metallic object which can be assumed a stainless steel bowl. At 47-second mark, laughter from a female child is heard, and later at 1 minute 5-second mark, a woman’s voice, which sounds to be speaking Chinese, can be discerned. Shortly thereafter, the distinct sound a child’s squeaky shoes is noticeable as they run. Among of all, the dog barks, child’s laughter, and squeaky shoes were easy to identify, while the material of the dropped metallic object and the language spoken by the lady required more focused listening, which had me listen for multiple times. The collective soundscape suggested a setting like a zoo or a similar family-friendly environment, where people are walking among domesticated animals. The laughter of children implies a safe and non-threatening atmosphere, leading me to exclude the possibilities of a wilderness setting like jungle. Although a zoo could turn out negative and chaotic under certain circumstances, I could not find any proof of negative meaning like accidents. Overall, the ambiance conveys a positive meaning in context, primarily due to the joyful sounds of children laughing, birds chirping, and the cheerful walk-arounds of a child with squeaky shoes noise.