

YSDN3009B  
Time-Based Communication  
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## **Project 2 Artist Statement**

This countdown tries to portray braille, an alphabet that is touched, in a visual medium. The final direction I took with it was to make use of the threshold black and white aesthetic and use that to represent a sense of abstract feeling. This look works well with intentional use of light that shows in what is black and what is white. This is how space is established in the piece. I have hands blink on screen, pointing to the changing character on screen. In braille, characters have 6 positions that are either filled or blank. And when using numerals, there needs to be a character that precedes it. This is the character shown at the start of every second. The actual number is revealed at the second half of each second, accompanied by a pair of hands with the number of fingers up. The use of colour is in reference to a potential set of colours analogous to numbers in graphemes colour synesthesia; a condition in which a person can associate colours with letters and numbers. I added this detail for additional visual interest and so that the hands can stand out from the background. The footage of the braille is shrunk so that it is easier to view as a whole character and so that the end holding up the fingers don't fight for space on screen. Most of the sounds I collected and used are of the typewriter, intended to remind the audience that braille is typography and the use of fingers touching the spots is made analogous to pressing on a key on the typewriter. The hollow sound in the back of each second somewhat enhances the tone of the video despite being something produced unintentionally and just appeared in the footage naturally after putting the original footage through photoshop.

Vimeo Link: <https://vimeo.com/487021990>

Yottasounds: Typewriter - single key - type 3.wav <https://freesound.org/people/yottasounds/sounds/380136/>

soundslikewillem: Fixing Paper in Typewriter Slow.wav <https://freesound.org/people/soundslikewillem/sounds/193973/>

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