

Script Advice

Thanks for choosing to work with me on your project! Before I record your audio, here are some tips to keep in mind regarding your script. You can always reach out to me for questions as well!

- **Check your word count**

- If the script we are working on is on a per word basis then checking your own word count is a great way to be prepared for how much everything will cost!
- There are plenty of great websites where you can paste and check your word count for free like wordcounter.net
- Careful for hyphenated words (like-this) These will be counted as multiple words in the finished script but many word counters only recognize them as one.
- Individual letters are also counted as one word so “DVNJ” would count as 4 words not 1

- **Write out your numbers**

- Writing numbers as words is a great way to help me understand how you would like something said as well as to have a good idea of your final word count
- “\$1004” will only show up as one word in most word counters, however I may read it as “one thousand and four dollars.” Writing out exactly what you want can help save a lot of time and trouble later!
- EXAMPLE: the number “100023” can be read as “ten zero zero twenty three” / “one hundred thousand and twenty three” / “one zero zero zero two three” / and many other ways!

- **Be careful for symbols**

- Common symbols like “.” “?” “!” will always be read as a punctuation to me. However, you may intend for “.” to be read as “dot” or “point.” In instances in which you would like me to say a symbol, please write the word instead
- EXAMPLE: (ten **point** four gallons of milk.) or (the person said, “**quote** “hello people!” **end quote**”) or (Eighty nine **point** six **percent**)

- **Make use of brackets { }**

- Anything inside of {brackets} won't be read aloud. These can be used for notes next to words or before sentences to help with something being said/conveyed
- EXAMPLE 1: The alien called his offspring over, “come here XItUU6!” {pronounced as Zole-tuh-ks ‘zoltuks’}
- EXAMPLE 2: Mayor Bardon was at... {Bardon is pronounced like bear and dun ‘baredun’}
- EXAMPLE 3: {can you make your accent a bit stronger for just this next sentence then go back to normal} Those look like some mighty fine ribs! Come on down to...
- Make sure you use {BRACKETS} for these notes and **not** [SQUARE BRACKETS] or (PARENTHESES) as I will read what is inside of those if they are in the script