

Know Your Home Stereo

an experiment involving stereo dials and settings*

Choose a few different recordings (single tracks or whole albums) to use for the experiment. Then choose a method of indeterminacy (such as numbers from a hat, or an online random number generator) to determine the various settings on your stereo system (e.g., volume, EQ, bass boost, special effects, etc., each separately).

Use the method to determine settings for each listening. Try to become familiar with how the very different settings sound with the different recordings. It might make sense to A) use the same setting for various recordings or B) use the same recording with various settings.

*if you do not have a stereo you may alternatively use an entertainment center, laptop, etc.