



#5 Using quality control techniques to achieve karaoke goals

I have been attending a popular singing class for a year now. When I saw my karaoke scoring results, I came to think that I wanted to get a better score. I came up with the idea that QC techniques might be effective for that. QC techniques are an effective method for improving the quality of products and services. Songs, like products and services, are common in terms of output. In the QC techniques, problems are solved through the steps of "grasping the current situation", "setting targets", "cause analysis", "planning/implementation of countermeasures", and "confirmation of effects".

Here's an overview of each step that I took:

1. Grasping the current situation and setting goals

I first recorded my scoring results and set goals based on them. The goal is to raise my average score by more than 5 points in one year.

2. Cause analysis

I'm not good at clapping, so I was aware that rhythm was more of a problem than pitch. If I try to sing along to the color changes of the lyrics or the moving cursor on the karaoke display, the sound will inevitably get out of sync. I tried to analyze in what kind of cases where I made a mistake.

Case 1 Beginning of prelude and interlude singing

Case 2 When the length of rest at the beginning of each bar is not equal

Case 3 When the rhythm is not evenly divided

Case 4 After long tone

3. Planning/implementation of countermeasures

Based on the results of the analysis, I made improvement plans and practiced

repeatedly while remaining conscious of each improvement plan. A common measure is to count the beats in my head while singing.

4. Confirmation of effect

It's been almost a year since I set my goal. At karaoke the other day, my average score was 6 points higher than when I started, so I think I was able to achieve my goal.

I'm still not good at counting beats, so I think there's still room for improvement.

Many people in their 80s are participating in the class, and they are trying difficult songs that have been popular recently. My current goal is to be able to sing happily and healthily like them for long time.

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