

Praat Introduction Transcript

Welcome to this tutorial on Praat, a speech analysis tool that can help you visualize your speech patterns. This site is designed to help you learn how to use Praat through a series of screen videos in order to record, play, and save your own recorded speech. In other areas of this site, you'll be able to study different English language issues such as Word Stress and practice what you learn through a series of interactive exercises.

Before you begin or shortly after, you'll want to download a free copy of Praat. You'll find the URL for the official Praat site in our resources section. Praat was developed at the University of Amsterdam in the department of Phonetics. This tutorial was developed at the University of Minnesota.

Praat works on most computers, but you'll want to make sure that the program recognizes your particular microphone and headset. We recommend that you DO NOT attempt to watch and listen to the audio and video on this tutorial while simultaneously using Praat in the record mode. It may overload your computer's ability to process sound and frustrate both you and your computer!

Praat is a powerful tool from which you can learn a lot on your own, but if you want to improve your spoken English, we recommend you work with a qualified ESL instructor.

And now, proceed to the "record" video to begin to learn how to use Praat to record your voice.