

## Play Your Recordings Transcript

Now that you've recorded your voice, you can view it as a waveform. On the Praat Objects window, click *Edit*. The sound window will display your voice in a waveform. Before we listen to the sound, deselect all display options: *Spectrum*, *Pitch*, *Intensity*, *[Format]*, and *Pulses*. We will return to these. On the menu bar, go to *Spectrum*. Make sure *Show spectrum* is deselected. Go to *Pitch*. Make sure *Show pitch* is deselected. Do the same for *Show intensity*, *Show formant*, and *Show pulses*. All you should see displayed on the screen is the black and white waveform.

The waveform is a visual representation of your voice. The tall black lines represent more volume; the short black lines represent less. A horizontal flat line, for instance, represents silence. In Praat you can listen to the entire waveform or simply select a portion to hear. To hear the entire sound object, hit Shift/Tab. You will see a solid vertical line scrub from left to right across the waveform. You can stop the play back at anytime by hitting the Tab key. To continue the recording, hit the tab key again. If you want to hear only a portion of the sound object, select that segment by clicking and dragging the cursor over the area. Then hit Tab in order to hear it.

Now that you know how to play the waveform, we will investigate the display options available to you.