

Record Your Voice Transcript

Welcome to this tutorial using Praat, a tool that can help you refine your speaking skills. We will walk you through the process of recording a sound object and generating a waveform for voice analysis. A waveform is a visual representation of a spoken sound. With Praat installed, let's begin.

Double click on the Praat icon. After the welcome screen, you will see two windows: Praat Objects and Praat Picture. The Praat objects window is used to store and manipulate sound recordings. The Praat picture window is used to plot, view, and play Praat waveforms. Go ahead and close the Praat picture window; we do not need it at this time.

To make a recording, click *New*, and then *Record mono Sound*. This will open the sound recorder window. Be sure your microphone and headphones are plugged in. Depending upon your microphone, you may have different options for sampling frequencies. On some computers you can lower the frequency rate if you have less memory or raise it if you need higher quality recordings. Click *Record* and say a phrase or two. Then click *Stop* to end the recording. Now name your sound file and click *Save to list*. Click *Close* on the sound recorder window. You will see that your sound file has been saved to the Praat Objects window. We will talk about saving your waveforms permanently in a later module.