

Save Your Files Transcript

You have already practiced saving a voice recording in the Praat Objects window. This allows you to listen to and view the voice recordings you made during the session.

But if you were to quit the program at this point, you would lose all of these voice recordings. When you restarted Praat, the program would launch with nothing in the objects window.

In order to save your voice work beyond this session, you will want to save the files and export them to a place on your computer or flash drive. This will be useful if you want to archive particular sounds or phrases so you can go back to them, or if you want to send sound files to your instructor through email.

To save a file, select the name of your sound file in the Praat Objects list. Locate the "Write" menu in the Praat objects window. Now select "Write to WAV" file. You'll note that you can also save files in several other formats, AIFF for instance. Before you save, make sure the file is named something you will be able to recognize later. Then be certain to note where you save the file...on the desktop, or in a class folder.

Sound files can take a lot of space, so there may be instances in which you will want to "zip" the files. That is, you'll want to compress them before you put them in an email message to an instructor or yourself.

At times, you may want to open a sound file that your instructor sends you. Go to the Praat objects window, select "Read" and then "Read

from file." Choose the file you want to import in the dialogue box. The file will appear in the sound list in the Praat objects window and you can listen to it and analyze it just as you would a file that you created.