



Audacity® Recording Software Parent Letter

Download Audacity at home for free at:

<http://audacity.sourceforge.net/download/>

Students will also need an inexpensive headset (a headphone with a built in microphone.)

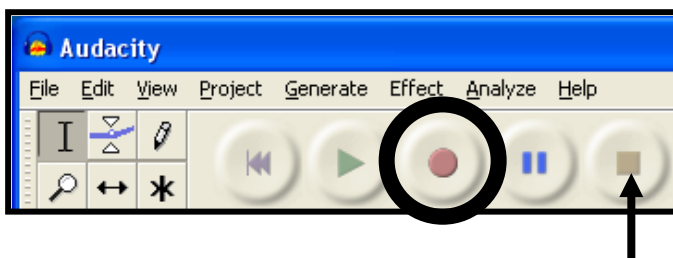
Audacity is a free, easy-to-use audio editor and recorder for Windows, Mac OS X, GNU/Linux and other operating systems. Your child can use Audacity to:

- **Record Reading Samples** for self-assessment to improve reading fluency
- **Record Writing Samples** to improve writing skills through auditory feedback.
- **Record Reader's Theatre** with different voices for different parts
- **Record Research Results for reports**
- **Record stories and add background music to create books they can share**
- **Record test information** to listen as a review.

How to use Audacity Software

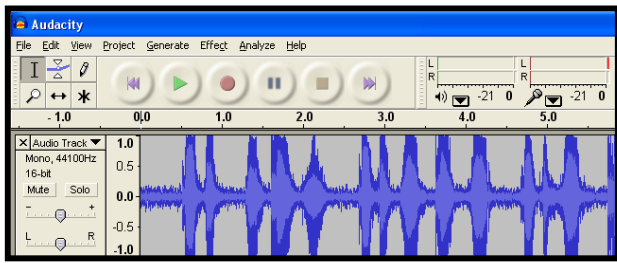


1. Open Audacity software on the desktop.
2. Plug your headset microphone and headphone cables in the correct ports on your computer (match the pictures on the headset with the pictures on your computer.)



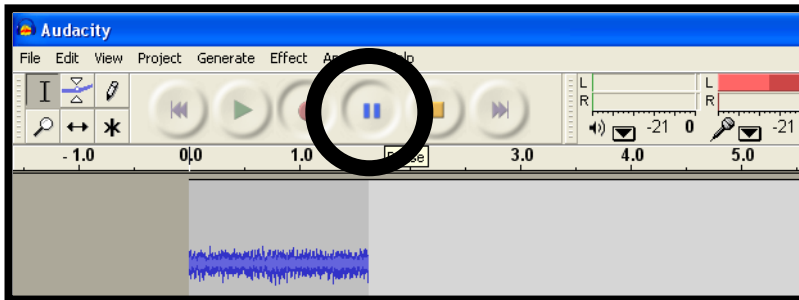
3. Click on the **Red circle** and read your passage.

4. Click on the **yellow** square icon to stop.



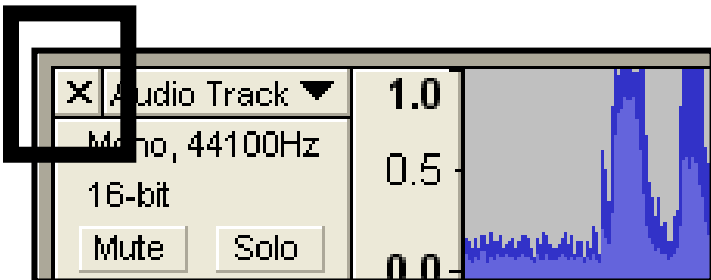
5. Click on the green arrow to listen to your recording.

Notice the sound waves go up and down when you show expression in your voice.



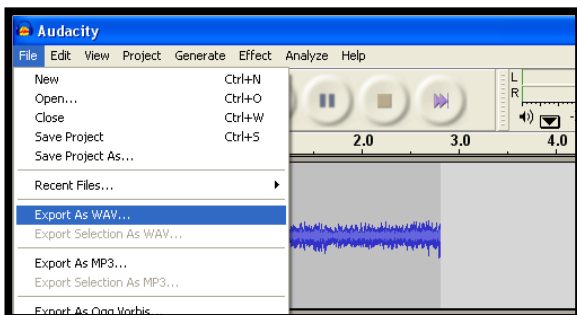
You can also click on the blue **Pause** button to pause while you are reading or listening to your session.

Click the **Pause** button again to resume.



If you are not happy with your recording, simply close the current session by clicking on the tiny

X in the session and start again.



When you are finished, you can Export your recording as a Wav file which you can then play with play with Windows Media Player.

Or you can also export as an MP3 file if you download the Lame software on the download page.

For more information on Audacity including How to Manuals and Student Assessment Sheets:

<http://audacity.pbworks.com/>