

## Opening a File in Praat

With the Praat program open, from the “Read” menu on the Praat “Objects” window select “read from file...” as illustrated in Figure 1.

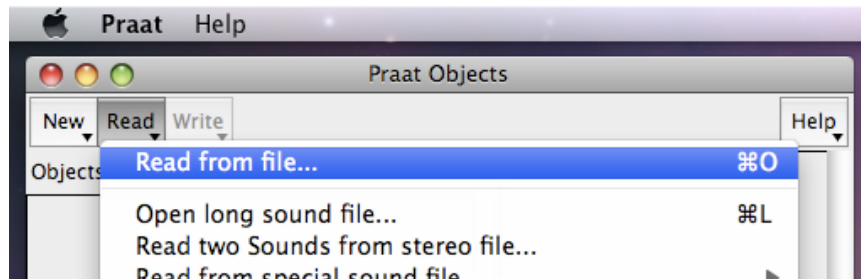


Figure 1. Read from file...

If you have a very long recording you will have to use the “open long sound file...”

If you have a stereo recording you may want to convert the file to a *mono* file to make measurements less complicated.

## Converting a Stereo File to a Mono file

Select the file that you want to convert on the Praat objects list. Next, select “convert to mono” from the “convert” menu at the bottom right of the Praat “Objects” window (see Figure 2).

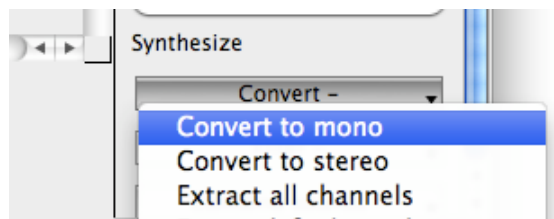


Figure 2. Convert to Mono

The new mono file will appear in the list with “mono” appended to the file name. To save the file, select it in the objects list and select “write to wav file...” from the “Write” menu in the Praat “Objects” window (see Figure 3). There are a lot of different formats for sound files, WAV is recommended since it is the most widely used (N.B. do not save in mp3 formats since they employ low quality encoding to save space). You may not be able to save to the hard drive of the computer you are using so be sure to bring something to save it on.

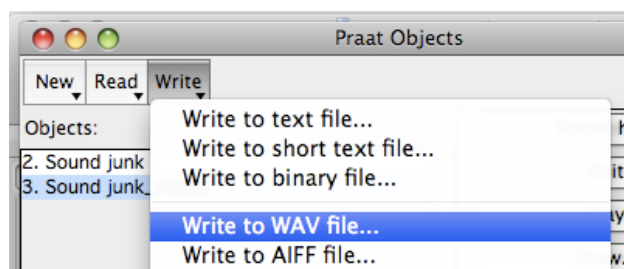


Figure 3. Saving a file.

### Analyzing Sound Files in Praat

1. Select the file you want to analyze from the Praat “Objects” list (see how to open a file)
2. Click on the “Edit” button near the top right of the Praat “Objects” window (see Figure 4).

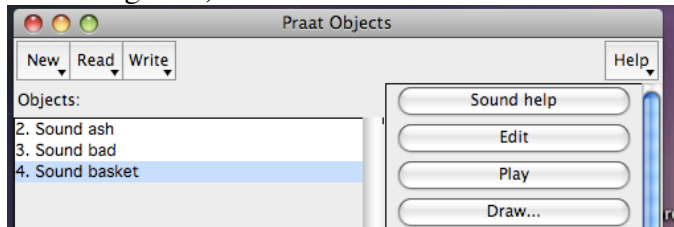


Figure 4. Select sound and click on the “Edit”