



Audacity Activity Tutorial
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Audacity is a free software program for recording and editing audio. You can use Audacity to record sounds onto your computer with a microphone or it can open and edit audio files, including tracks downloaded from the internet or copied from CDs. Audacity can open and save MP3, WAV, AIFF, and several other types of audio files.

You can edit recordings with Audacity the same way you edit text with a word processor. Audacity can cut, copy, splice, and mix sounds together. Filters are included for altering speed and pitch, adding echo or reverb, removing noise from recordings, and more. To get started, click [here](#) to download the Audacity software.

The activity files can be downloaded [here](#). You will need WinZip to unzip the files. You can download the free WinZip evaluation version [here](#). Make a folder on your hard drive and save all your project files there. Make sure to save this activity as a project file so you can edit it. If you export the file without saving the project you will not be able to edit your finished product once you have closed it.

Due to copyright issues, students need to know that using CDs or downloads of popular songs to enhance their PowerPoint presentations or other projects, is not acceptable. Audacity allows students to use royalty free sound loops to create a unique blend of music that not only would enhance their project but provide a platform for their own creative form of expression. Some sights that provide royalty music are [Partners in Rhyme](#), [Flash Kit](#), and [Sound Dogs](#). A large list of sound loop links can be found [here](#).

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