

Pronunciation practice in Audacity

OBJECTIVE

To help students improve their English pronunciation by using Audacity to record and analyse their speech.

MATERIALS

Audacity software (can be downloaded for free from audacityteam.org)

Computers or laptops with audio recording capabilities

A list of English words or sentences for students to practice pronouncing



PROCEDURE

Introduction to Audacity: Show students how to download and install Audacity, and demonstrate the basic features of the software.

Pronunciation practice: Provide students with a list of English words or sentences that they will practice pronouncing. Have them record their speech using Audacity, then play back the recording and ask them to analyse their pronunciation.

Analysis and feedback: Use Audacity's tools, such as the Spectrogram view, to help students identify areas where they need to improve their pronunciation. Give them specific feedback on their pronunciation, emphasizing sounds that they need to practice.

Group practice: Have students work in pairs or small groups to practice their pronunciation. Have them listen to each other's recordings and give constructive feedback.

Homework: Assign homework that requires students to practice their pronunciation using Audacity. Encourage them to listen to their recordings and compare their progress over time.

ASSESSMENT

Observe students as they work with Audacity to practice and improve their pronunciation.

Evaluate the final recordings they submit as homework, giving feedback on areas where they need to continue to improve.

NOTE

This lesson plan can be adapted to meet the needs of different skill levels and ages.

It's important to provide a supportive and non-threatening environment for students to practice their pronunciation, and to emphasize that making mistakes is a normal part of the learning process.