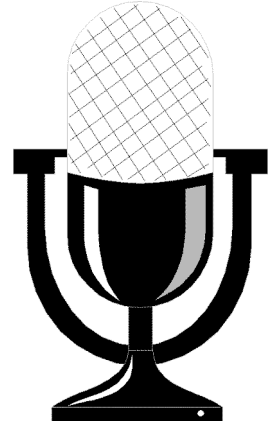


AUDIO TOOLS FOR ESL

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Recommended Hardware:

You will need a computer with a sound card, speakers or headphones and a microphone. If you're planning to do a lot of audio recording, I recommend a USB headset. Good quality headsets are now available with integrated headphones and microphone at reasonable prices.

Software:

- **Audacity:** Open Source application for recording and editing digital audio.
- **iTunes:** an application distributed freely by Apple Computer. iTunes is an excellent program for playing and organizing MP3 files. It can also be used to burn audio CDs and to convert (rip) audio from CDs to MP3 files.
iTunes is available from the apple Web site: <http://www.apple.com/itunes/>

Podcasting Tools:

Podcasting is a way of distributing your audio files automatically to "subscribers." Apple's iTunes can be used to receive podcasts, but you will need other software for generating your own podcasts. The following two links are to articles explaining how to create your own podcasts:

- **Podcasting for Teachers:**
<http://www.communitymx.com/content/article.cfm?page=2&cid=84445>
- **Make your first podcast:**
<http://hacks.oreilly.com/pub/h/4552>

Online Resources:

- **Odeo:** <http://odeo.com/> A web site that let's you create podcasts and receive audio voice messages from others.
- **Audio Blogger:** <http://www.audioblogger.com/> Let's you create a blog and record audio to it from your mobile phone.

Audio File Types

- **AIFF:** This is the file type found on commercial audio CDs.
- **WAV:** (pronounced "wave") Windows Audio Files come in WAV format and can be played with Windows Media Player.
- **MP3:** These files are compressed for easy portability.

<http://newterra.chemeketa.edu/faculty/vanslyt/audio/index.htm>