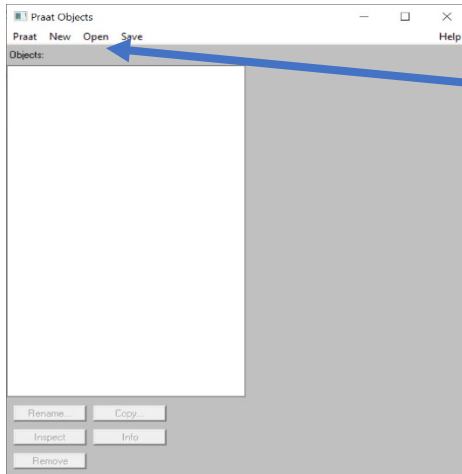


Introduction to opening sound files in Praat and navigating through them in the listening/edit window

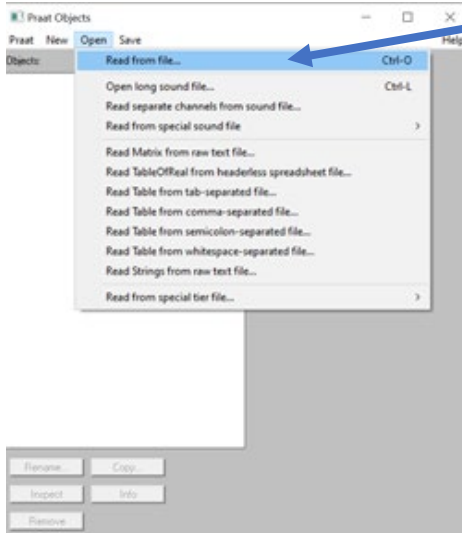
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Opening a sound file and textgrid in Praat.

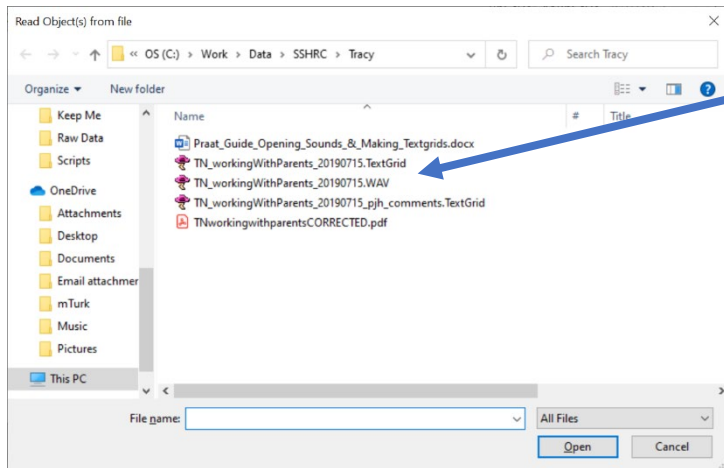


Step 1. Open Praat.

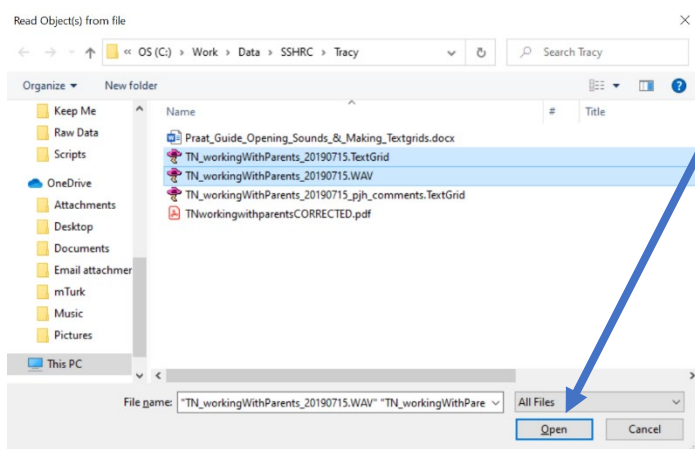
Step 2. Click on the open tab at the top of Praat.



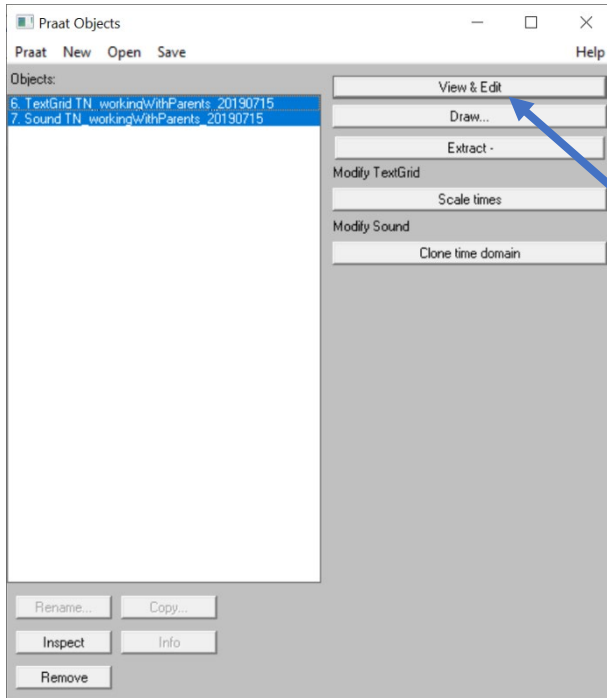
Step 3. Click on the “Read from file...” option.



A window should appear where you can navigate your computer to where you have saved textgrid and sound files. It is best if you have them both in the same folder, it will make things easier for you to find.

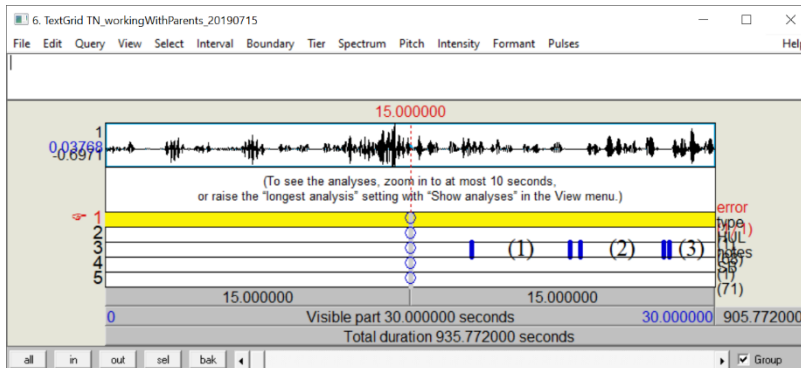


Step 4. Select both the textgrid and .wav file you want and click "Open."

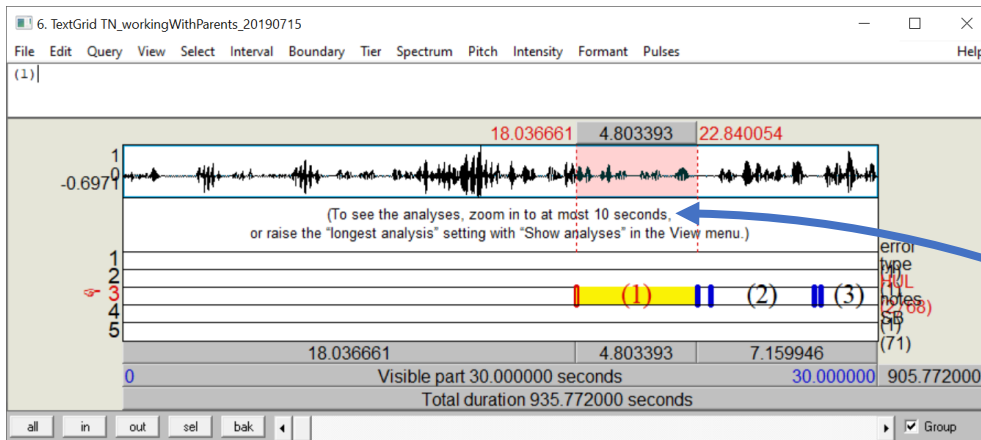


You should then see the TextGrid and Sound file in the Praat window like on the image on the left.

Step 5. Select both the textgrid and the sound and click “View & Edit.”



You should see a window like this, which is your Praat soundfile and textgrid. There are a bunch of different options here that you can do.



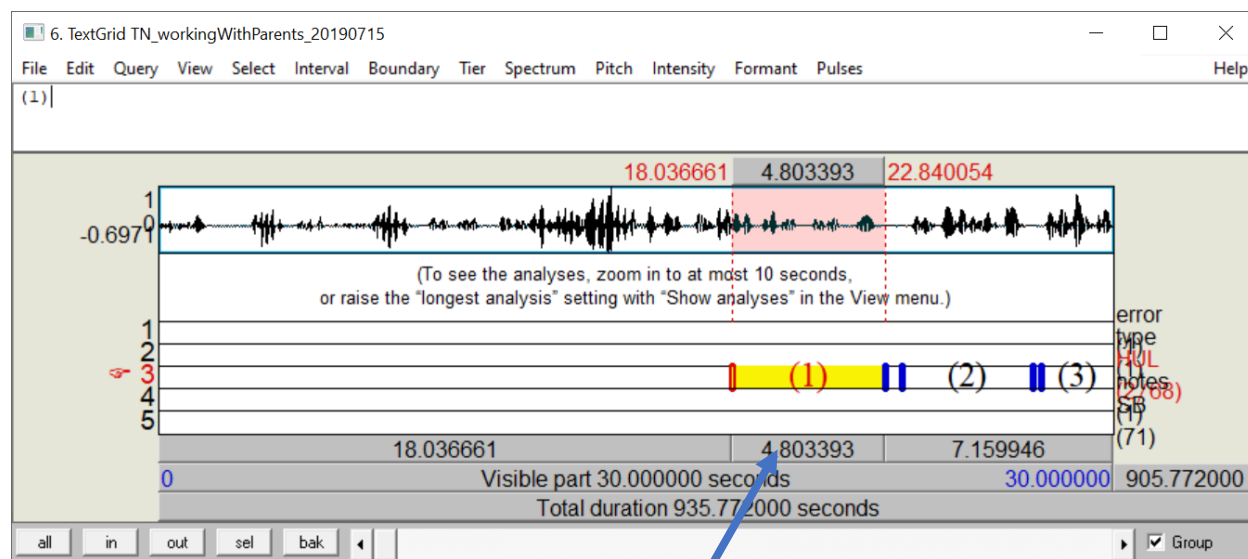
The menu options at the bottom change the view that you will have of the sound file.

“all”: clicking this will show the entire wave file, if it’s a long file this view will be hard to work with but can be useful to navigate to the area you want to work with.

“in”: zooms in a little.

“out”: zooms out a little.

“sel”: this will zoom in to a selection you have made. The selection on your wave file is in pink. You can either click and drag your mouse on the wave screen to make a selection, or you can click inside a boundary on the textgrid to automatically select everything in the boundary.



If you have a selection you can play just that selection by clicking the bar on the bottom. By clicking that bar, it will always play whatever is displayed in the window between those boundaries.