

8 TIPS TO RECORD BETTER AUDIO

Follow these tips to make sure you sound your best in recordings.

1 FIND THE RIGHT SPACE

Try to find a quiet, isolated space to record without too much background noise. A room that doesn't echo is best!

2 HOW CLOSE TO THE MIC!?!

For wind instruments, don't be too close to the microphone. You might need a paper copy of the music so you can move away from your Chromebook.

Singing? You should be 8-12 inches from the mic.

3 DO A VOLUME CHECK

Don't forget to do a volume test in SoundTrap. This will make sure the recording isn't too loud and distorted (or "clipped".)

4 WEAR HEADPHONES

Wear headphones so you can hear the metronome and other tracks while you play, and so it won't "bleed" into your recording.

5 TURN THE EFFECTS OFF!

Make sure you record without reverb or any effects so it's easy for you to hear, we can add those things later.

6 TUNE.

Don't forget to tune! A recording can be un-useable if it's not in tune and doesn't fit in with the other tracks.

7 DO A TEST

Once you think you're ready, do a "test" recording to make sure your recording volume is correct. We want a healthy sound but not one that is distorted or blatty.

8 BE PREPARED

The best way to sound your best is to be prepared! Practice your parts and learn them well! Practice should be 90% of the work, recording should be the last, easiest part if you know your music.

