



# Setting Praat TextGrids to UTF-8

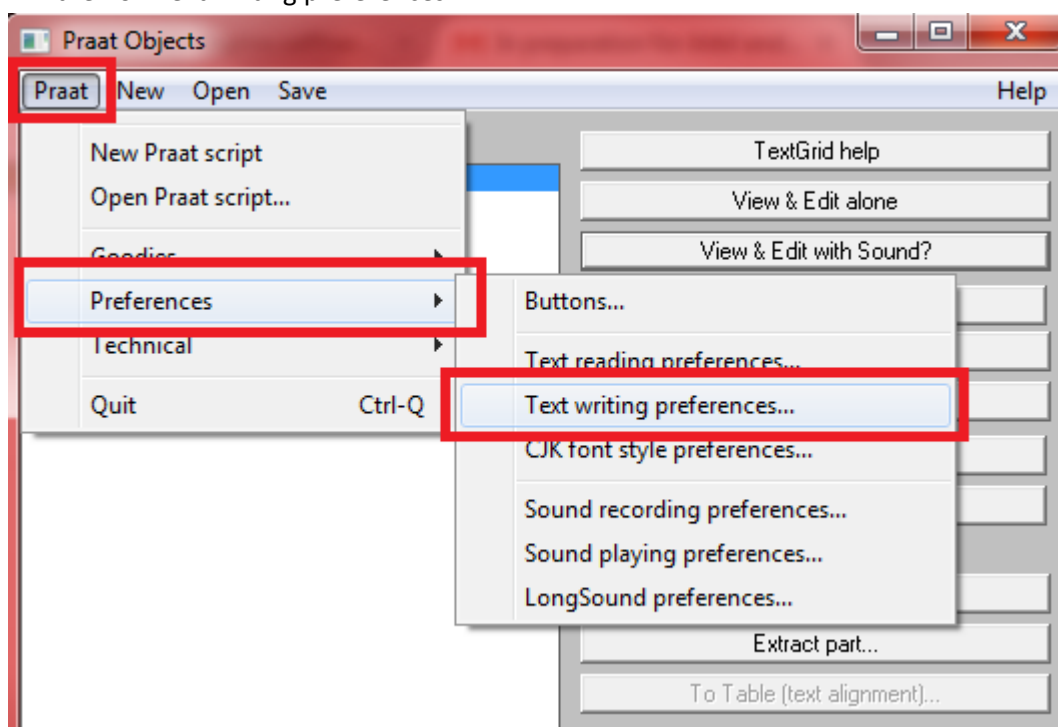
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## Background

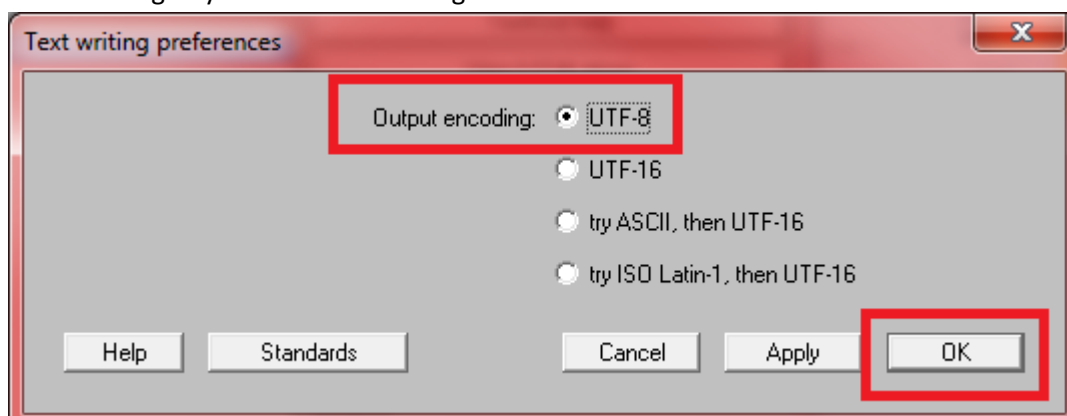
ELAR requires all TextGrid files to be encoded in Unicode UTF-8. The default encoding produced by Praat is UTF-16. This means that Praat TextGrid files produced with default settings will be rejected by the ELAR archiving system. To prevent this, you need to change the default settings in Praat.

## Setting TextGrid files to save as UTF-8 by default

1. Open Praat and select the Praat Objects Window.
2. In the menu bar, click on Praat. In the dropdown menu that opens up, click on Preferences and then on Text writing preferences...



3. The Text writing preferences window pops up. Click into the circle next to UTF-8 to select this encoding as your default encoding for TextGrid files. Then click on OK.



From now on, all your Praat TextGrid files will be encoded as Unicode UTF-8 and will be compatible with the ELAR archiving system.

