

I am going to give everyone a brief tutorial on Audacity. Once you have this set up, your computer becomes a very powerful tool for playing with music files and you can do lots of useful things like recording songs from Youtube and making cd's that will play in your car and many cool things. Another thing you can do is record music and save it as .mp3 files which is the easiest and best way to record tests for band.

Basically you need to install the Audacity program and another free program called "lame" somewhere on your computer. The two links you need to download both of these for free are below.

Once you have them installed, you can use your microphone on your computer to record sound. Audacity has buttons just like a tape recorder. It also has a box to use to select input source for the sound you are recording. You should have a choice to select microphone. When saving a file to send, you should use export under the file menu. If exporting as .mp3 (recommended) you will need to tell the program where lame is on your computer before this will work. Audacity explains how to do this.

Then save the file somewhere on your computer just like any other file, test play it with Windows Media player or something like that, and then email the file to me.

<http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>  
<http://lame.sourceforge.net/>

Keep in mind that you may use a tape recorder if you prefer. The instructions for tape recording tests are on the band website.