

Activity 10: Create audio stories about your creature. The audio stories can be put on websites. The only concern is your district may block such sites. Audacity® is an audio editing program that can be downloaded for free. If it isn't available, have your tech person set you up. Audio editing programs tend to motivate just about any student. Make sure you are equipped with headphones and microphones. Some of the sites or lessons we will be looking at later in the book have recording capabilities. It really does add to ones curriculum.

Following Directions: You can print out the handout **radio** found in the **PDF folder**. (see example of page one on the following page) This can be re-used over and over to save paper of course. Students need to pick up the document titled **audioStories** in the **Word folder**. You can watch the video titled **audacity** in the **video folder**.

1. Make sure you have an audio editing program. You can download Audacity at <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>
2. You may need someone with administrative privileges to download the program and make sure everything is working accordingly. It is so worth investigating.
3. Once you have experimented with Audacity and it has recording capabilities, you can start the lesson.
4. It is highly recommended to write the stories in advance. Students can pick up **audioStories** in the **word folder**. The following is an example of the document.



Audacity Writing Brief Stories for Recording in Audacity

Directions: You will create two or more brief stories that contain 100 words or more to be recorded for your one page website. Read the example for ideas. Once you have an idea, **type in the rows** under the **Written Story** category. The following example is set up to add 10 seconds of songs from your favorite bands. You would have the last 10 seconds of the song and then have your story. The end of your final recording would then have the first 10 seconds of another band.

Example of a story: Thank you, that was ACDC, now we bring you breaking news from Jane Johnson. On January 7th, 2007, a strange creature was sighted on the side of the road near Bristol. People interviewed were unable to get a close look at this creature, but insisted it looked like a bear and a bison. Others swore it looked like a bear with a monkey's tail. Whatever this creature is, townfolk are talking about how we should call in the National Guard. Some people are buying weapons and getting more locks for their homes. The police department is trying to alleviate their fears by increasing security in the region. In the meantime, the FBI has sent agents to investigate the sighting. If the creature is caught, they want to conduct studies on this animal. If you have any leads to the location of this creature, call 1-800-888-news. Thanks for that story Jane and now we bring you Aerosmith.