

Adobe Premiere Elements

Lesson 3: Working with Sound

In this tutorial, we will simply add a music track. In Part II, we will learn how to work with both narration and music. But for now ... A fierce competitor like Schotzy deserves some background music to dramatize his exploits, so let's add a sound track and get rid of the background noise from the video. The neighbor's dog was barking in the background. He was obviously cheering for the other side.

How to Delete the Sound Track from the Video:

1. Click once on the first clip in the timeline to select it. Once it is selected, it will have a gray box around it.



2. Then right-click anywhere in the clip and from the menu select "Unlink Audio and Video."



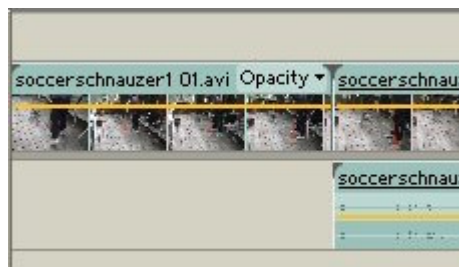
3. Click outside the clip to deselect it. Once the clip has been deselected, it will no longer have the gray box around it:



- Now click again on the audio portion of the first clip to select it. Notice now that only the audio track will have the gray box around it to indicate that it has been selected:



- Hit the delete key and it's gone.





- Repeat this process for the remaining clips to get rid of all the audio associated with the original video.


How to add a music track:

- Look in the media window, for the audio clip entitled "wearethechampions.mp3."
- Click and drag it onto Audio Track 1. Be sure to push it all the way over to the left, at the beginning of the video.



- Now, let's trim it to fit. First, let's cut out all the intro and get right to the "We are the Champions" part. Place your current time indicator () at about 00:00:33:00. Select the razor tool () and make a slice on the red line. Now choose the



selection tool () and select the first portion of the audio (from 00;00;00;00 to 00;00;33;00). Hit the delete key and it's gone.

4. Click and drag the beginning of the clip to the beginning of the video. Now let's trim the end off.
5. Move your current time indicator to the end of the music clip. Make sure your cursor changes to a black arrow with a left-facing red bracket. Click and drag the end of the audio to the 00;00;31;00 mark. This leaves more sound than video. We're leaving space for the credits to roll.
6. Finally, check the volume. If it is too loud, place your cursor on the yellow horizontal line that runs through the music clip. When it changes to a double-headed arrow with a bar in the center, click on the yellow line and drag it down. This will lower the volume. Play the clip until you get the sound level you want.

