

Test your microphone and headphones on Windows 10, 8, and 7.

To prepare thoroughly for a talk show or chat with friends, you should check your microphone and headphones now. The checking steps are very basic and easy, but they will be very helpful. Moreover, checking your microphone and headphones applies to Windows 10, 8, and Windows 7.

Checking the microphone and headphone on Windows 10, 8, and 7 isn't a new issue; TipsMake has previously addressed similar topics such as enabling/disabling the microphone on Windows 10 or the headphone on Windows 7. However, we haven't delved deeper into the issue or provided a better understanding of how to check the microphone and headphone.



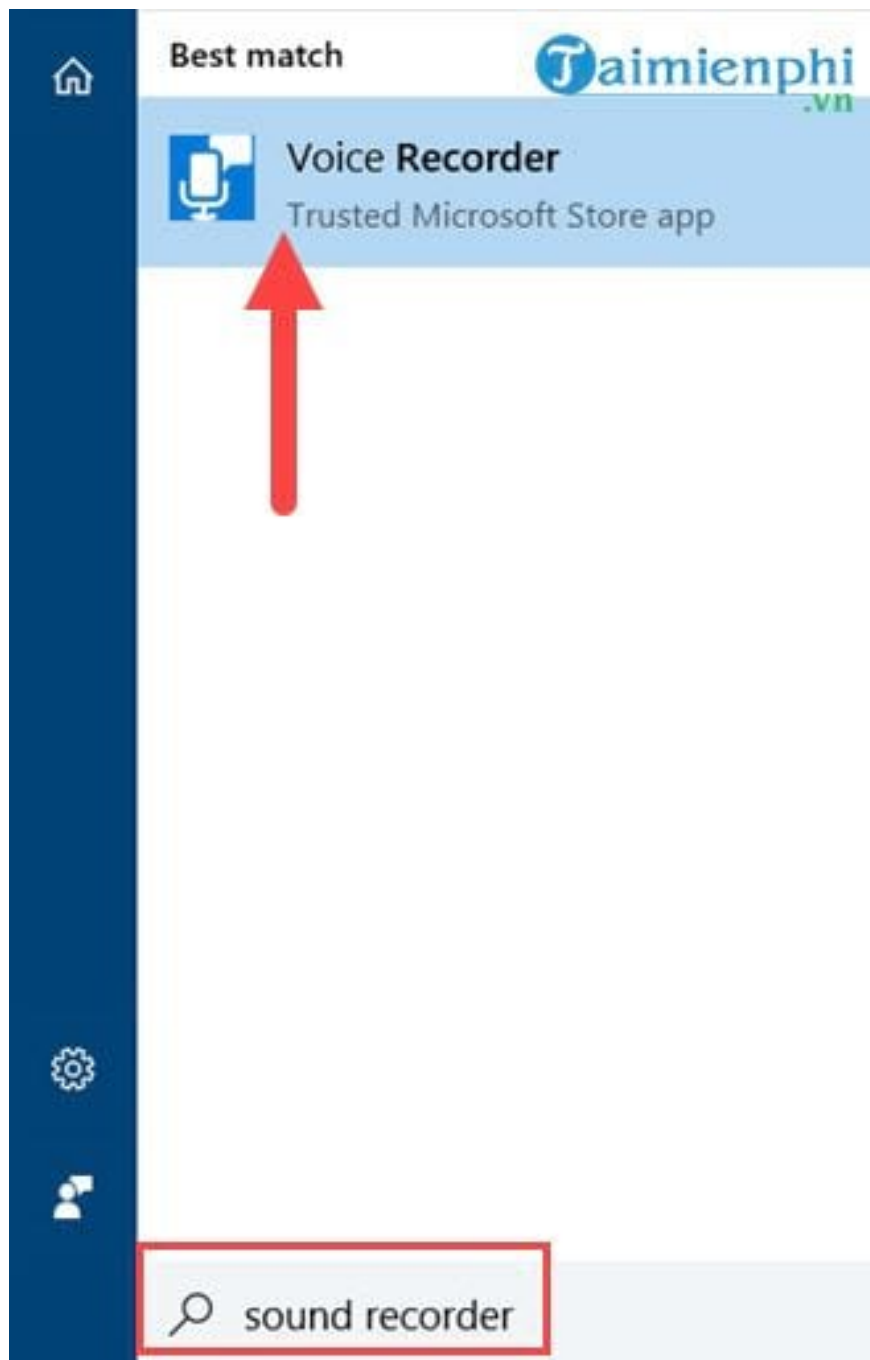
Testing your microphone and headphones is very convenient because there's no difference between Windows 10, 8, and Windows 7. After following this guide, you can perform the test on all three operating systems if you wish. Furthermore, this test can be applied to any situation where you can't speak or hear.

Guide to testing microphone and headphone functionality on Windows 10, 8, and 7.

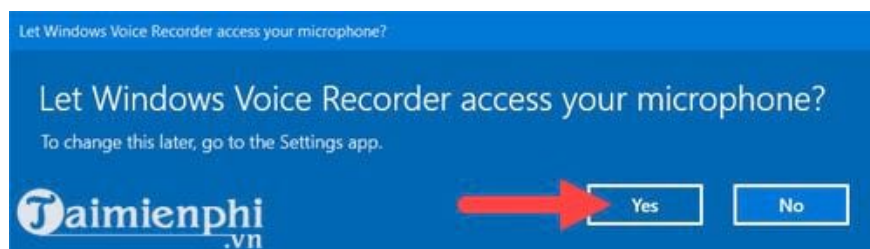
1. Test the microphone on Windows 10 and 8.

Since the interfaces on Windows 10 and Windows 8 are slightly different from Windows 7, let's first test these two versions of the operating system.

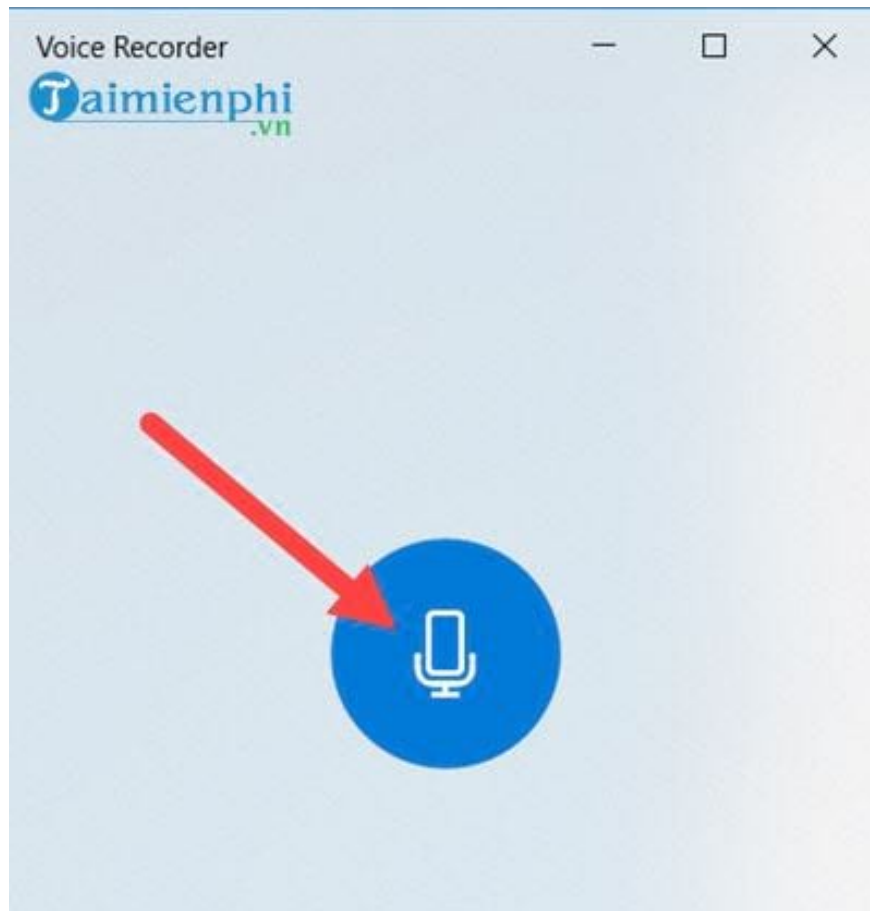
Step 1: First, open **the Start Menu** , search for "**Sound Recorder** ," and open the application. This tool is installed by default on your computer, so you don't need to worry about whether your machine has it or not.



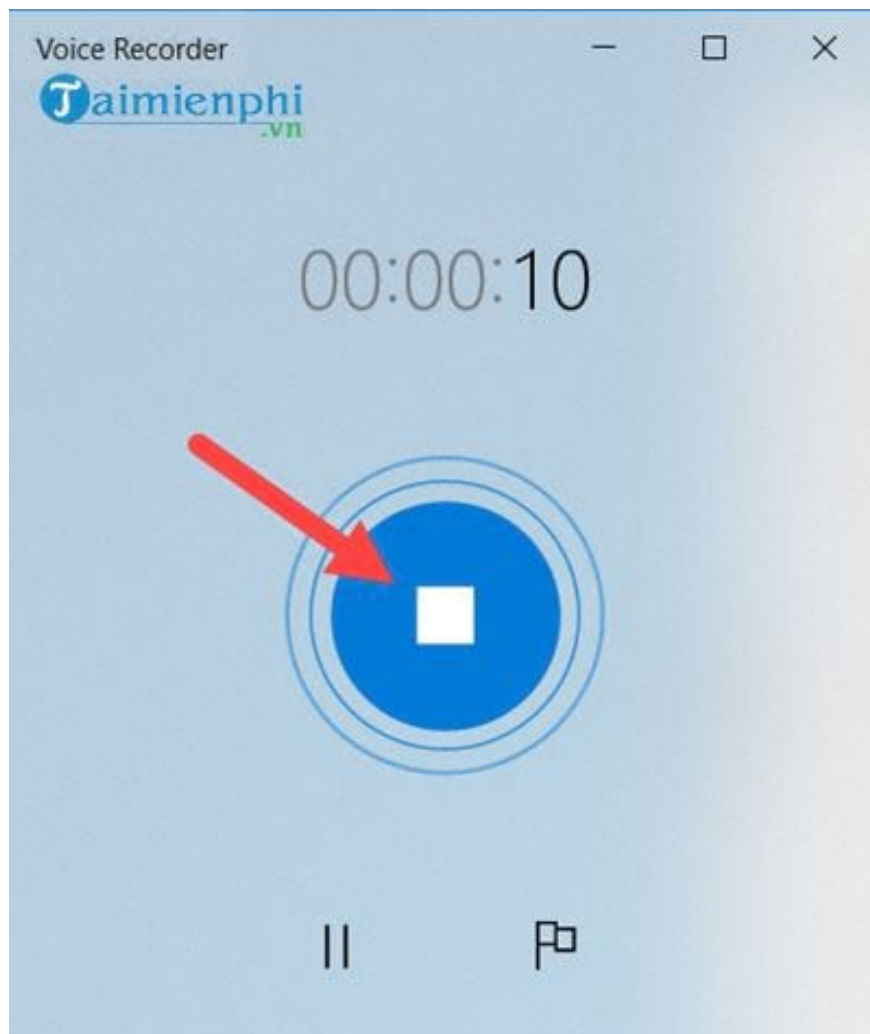
Step 2: As soon as you open this tool, the system will ask if you want to allow the microphone to connect; press **Yes**.



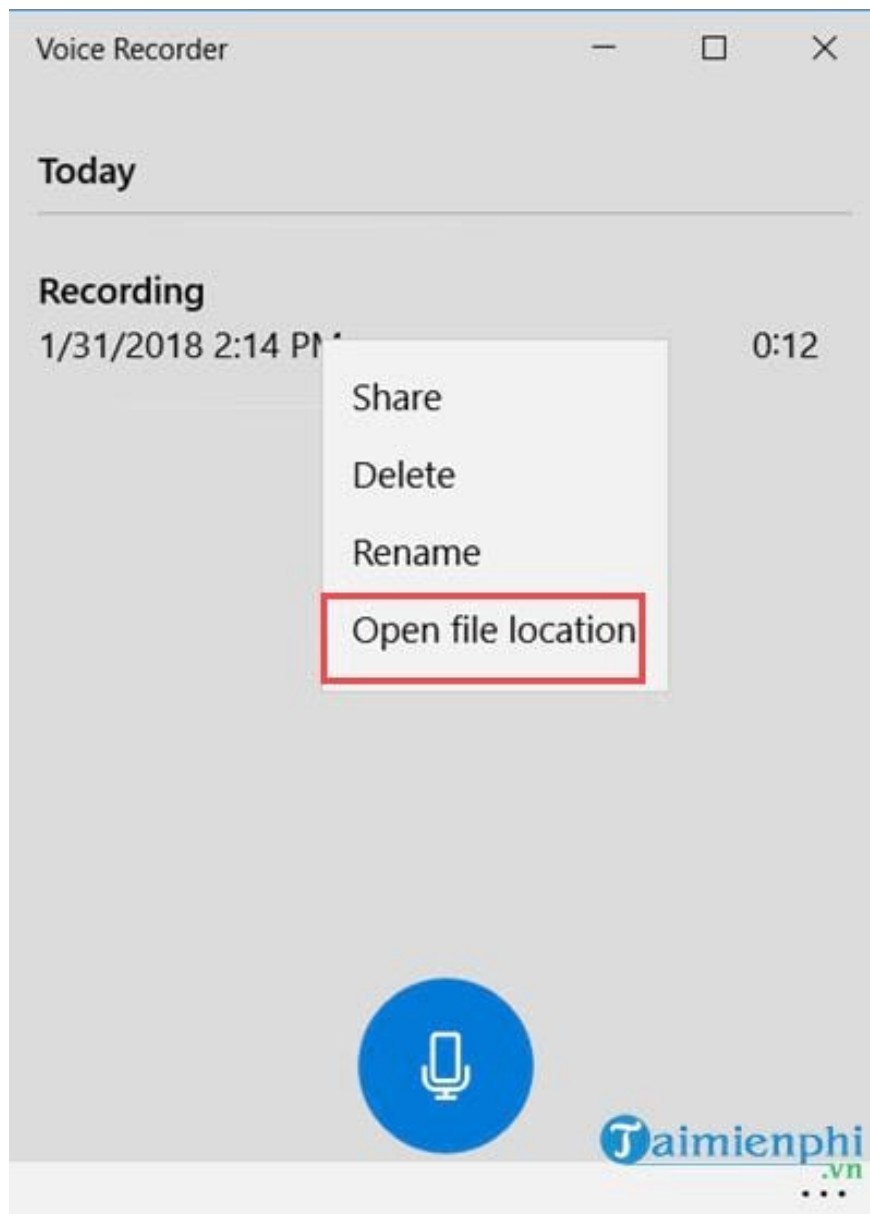
Step 3: Then simply tap the microphone icon to start recording.



Step 4: Try saying something to test the microphone, and stop by pressing the icon again.



Step 5: After stopping, click on the recorded file and select "**Open file location**".

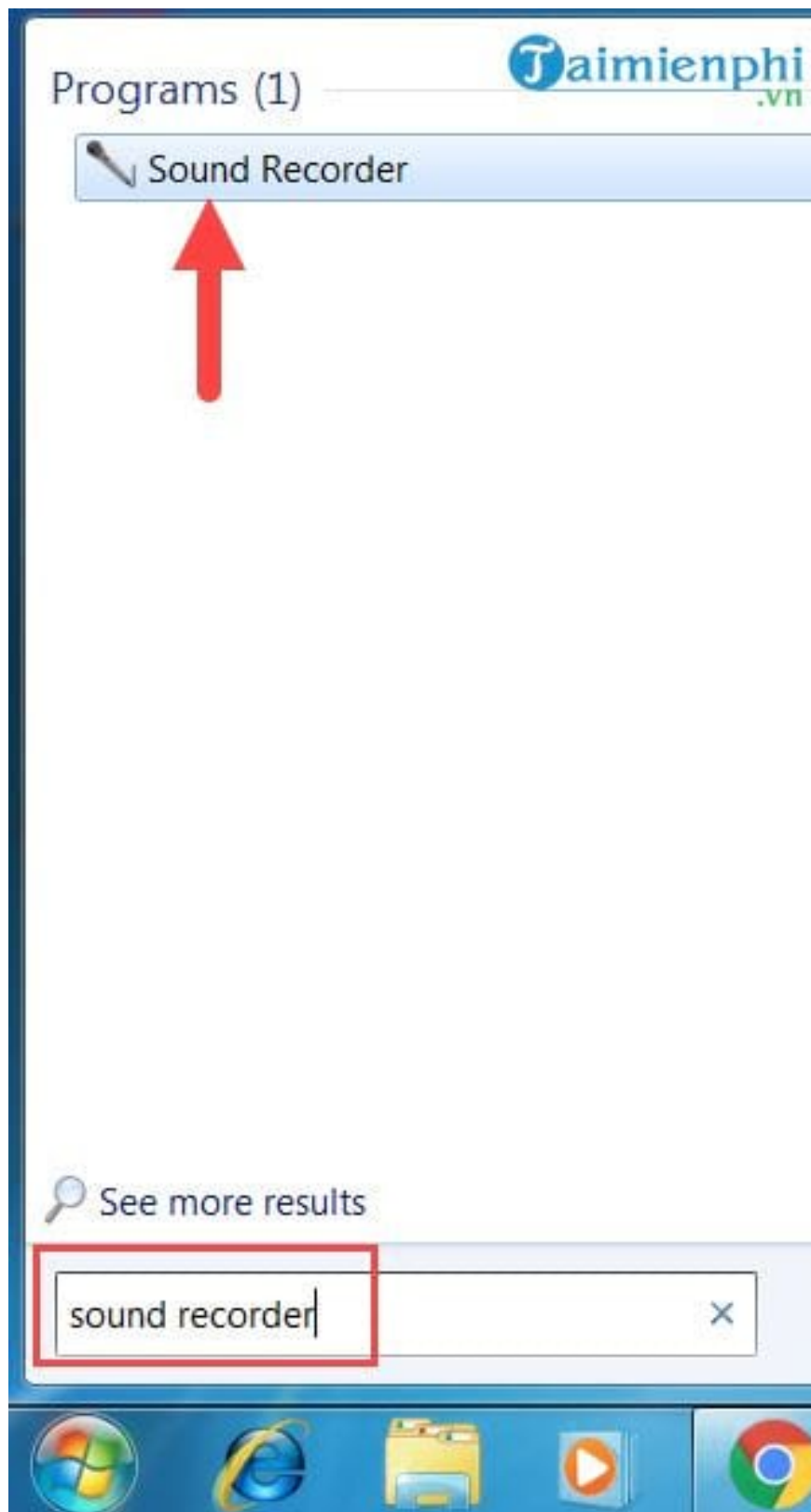


Step 6: Here, listen to the recording you just made with your microphone to check the quality and adjust it accordingly.

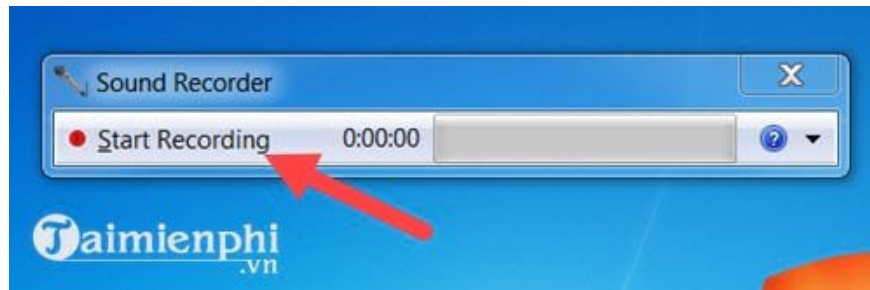


2. Check the microphone on Windows 7

Step 1: Similar to Windows 10 and 8, simply open **the Start Menu** and type "**Sound recorder**" to find this tool.



Step 2: Then click **Start Recording** to begin recording.



Step 3: Similar to the previous step, to test the recording quality, press **Stop Recording** .



Step 4: After stopping, the system will ask you to save the file; please save it in a location that is easy to find.

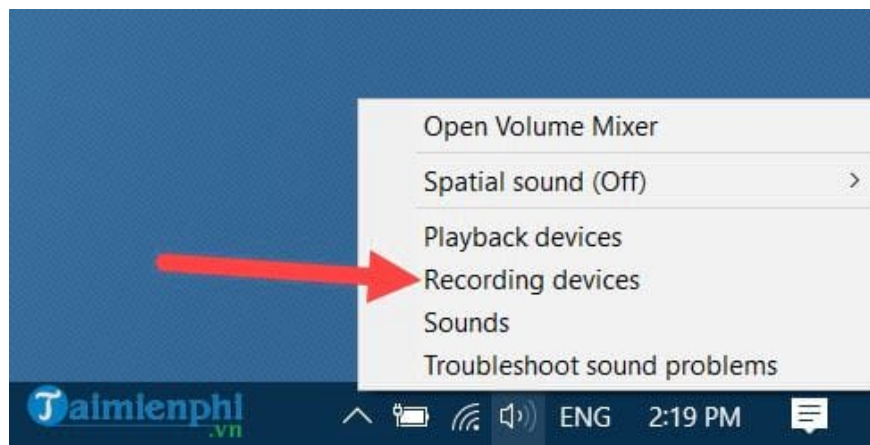


Step 5: Now listen to check the volume (low or high) to identify any necessary adjustments in the section below.

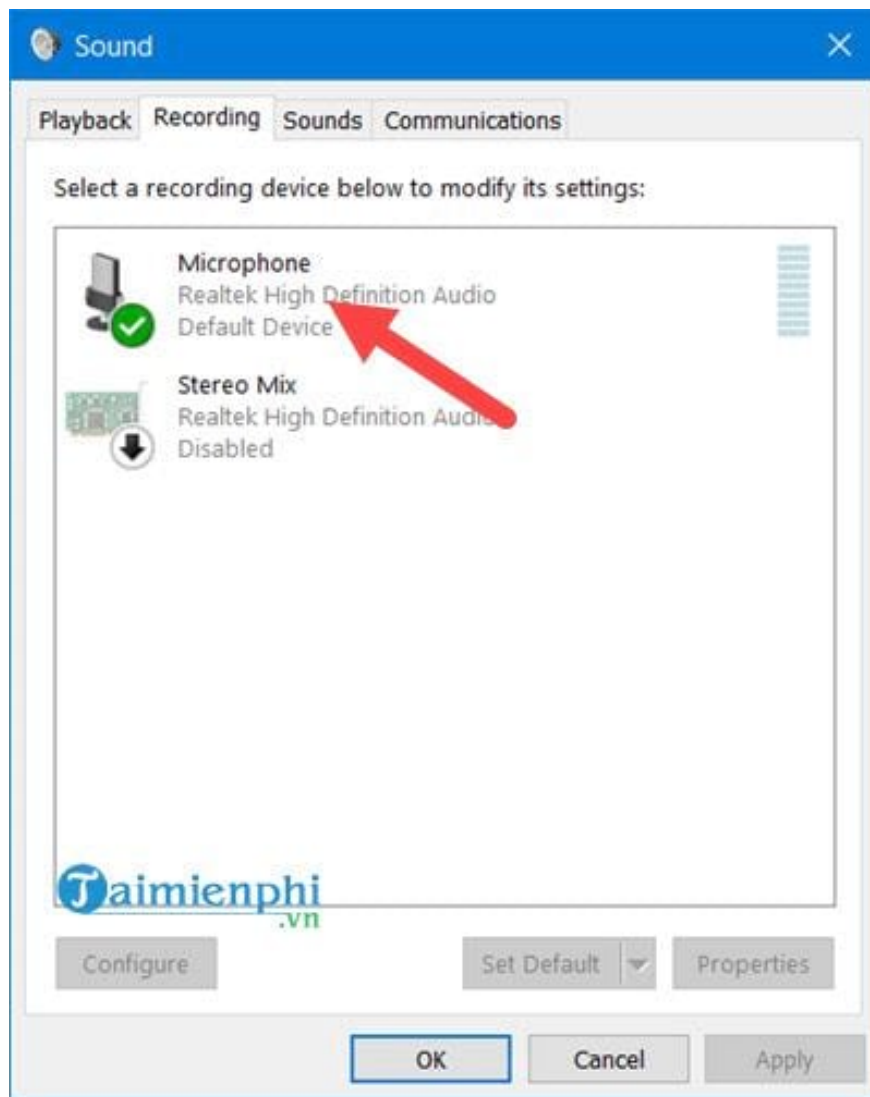


3. *How to adjust your microphone for chatting and livestreaming.*

Step 1: First, right-click on the sound icon in the taskbar and select **Recording devices** .

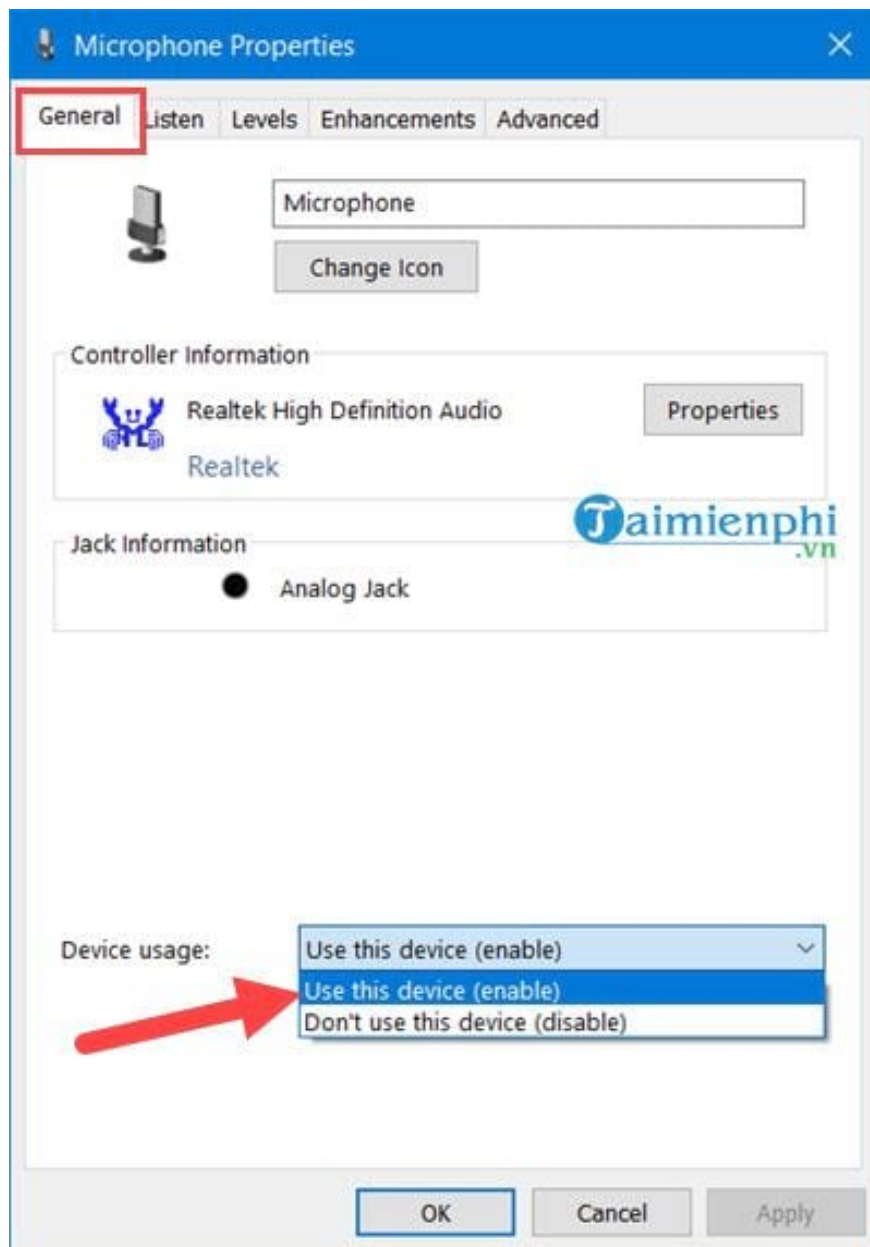


Step 2: Then double-click on **Microphone** when the **Sound** settings appear.



Step 3: Here, check if the " Use this device" option is enabled in **the Device usage section**.

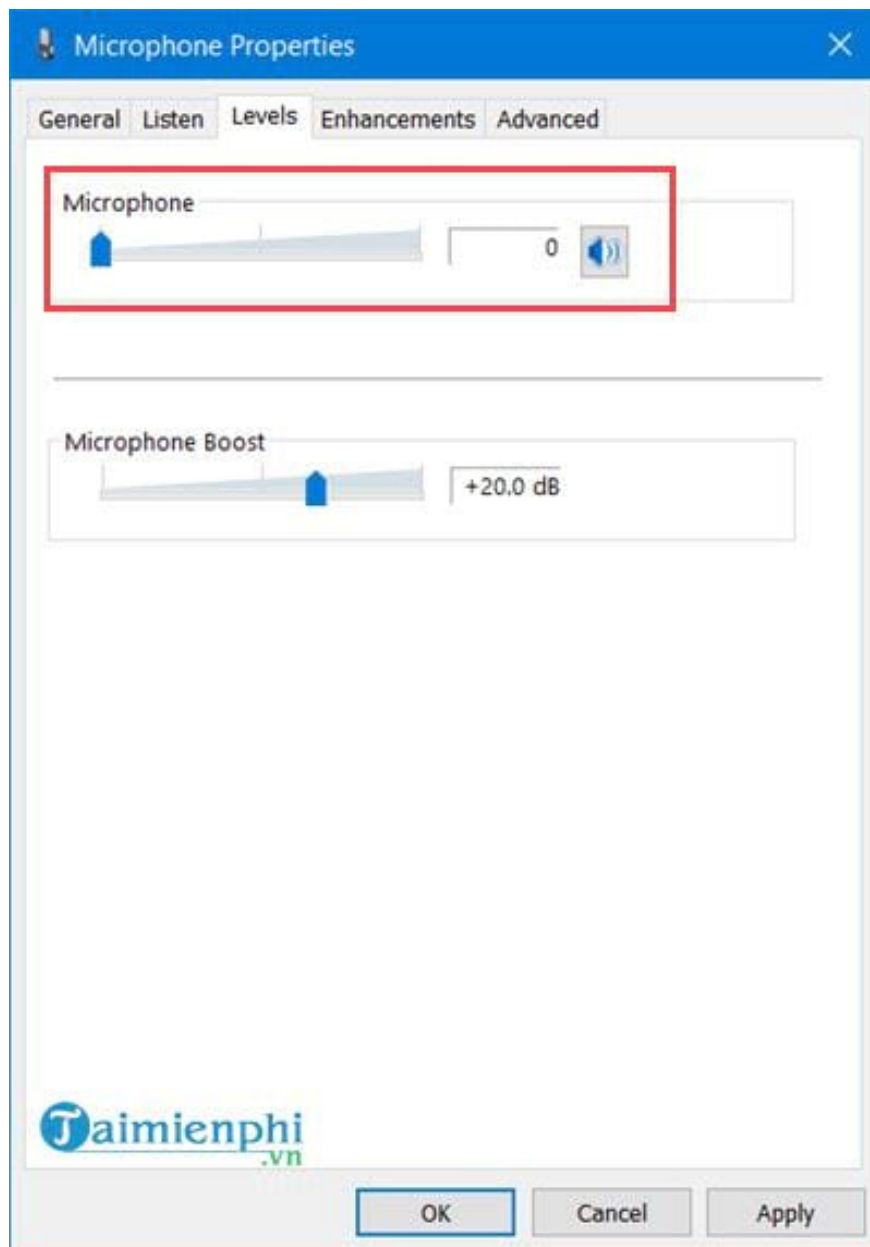
Note: After each operation, please click **Apply** > **OK** .



Step 4: Next is the **Listen** section . Here, simply check the box "Listen to this device." This allows you to listen to music from your friend's device when they use their microphone.



Step 5: The next section is **Levels** . If you've already completed the previous two sections, this one will definitely have an impact. If you find the sound too low during recording, you should lower the level; if you find it too loud, you should keep it at the current level.

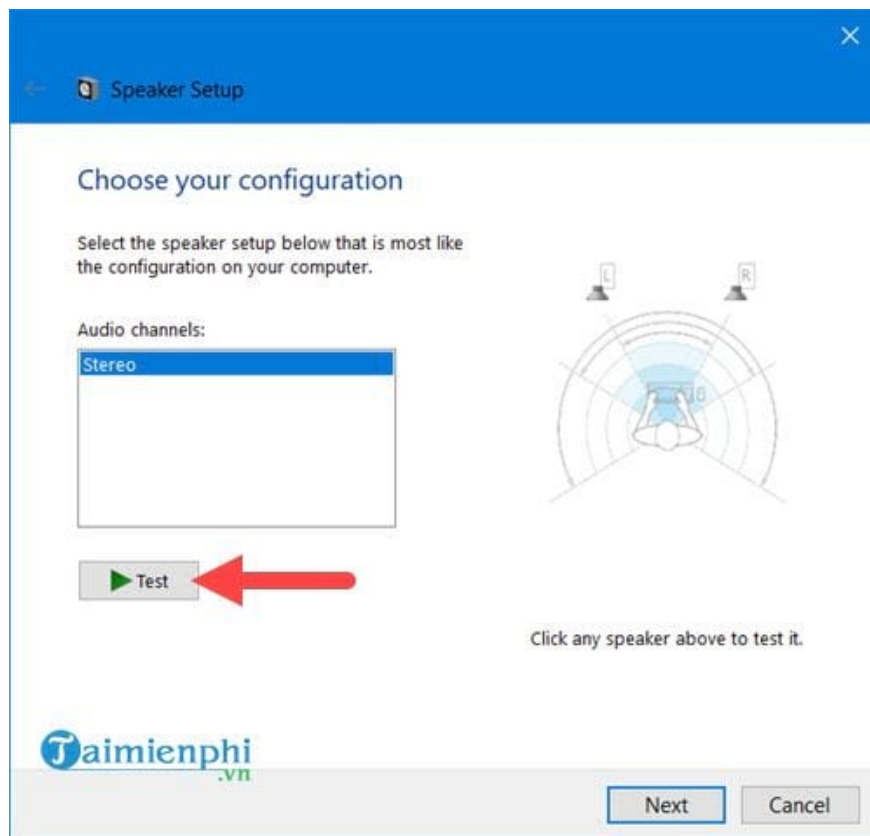


4. Headphone Test on Windows 10, 8, 7

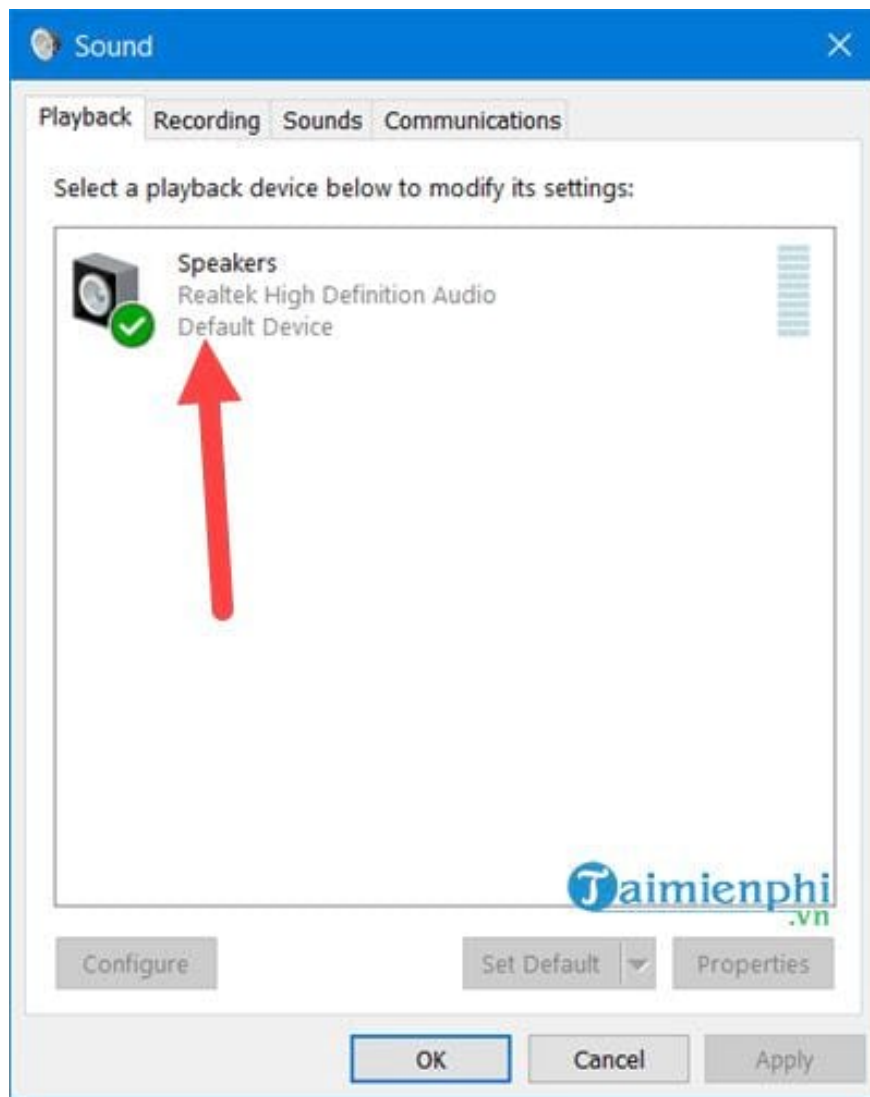
Step 1: After checking the microphone, let's check the headphones. Still in the Sound section, switch to the **Playback** tab , right-click on **Speaker** > select **Configure Speakers** .



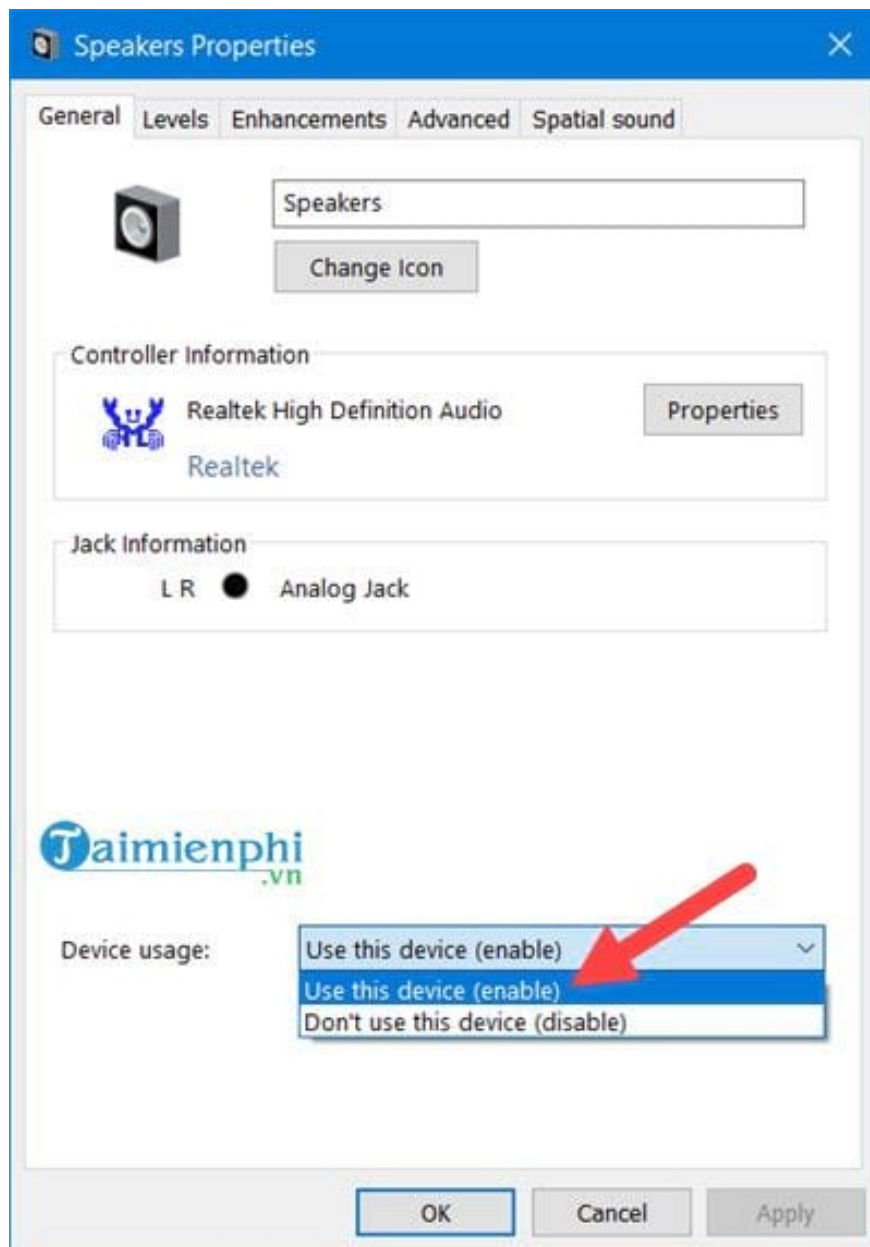
Step 2: Here, you just need to test if the sound from both speakers is working properly. Click on " **Test**" .



Step 3: Then, exit and double-click on **Speakers** .



Step 4: The remaining step is to check if the "Use this device" option has been enabled in the **Device usage section**.



After completing the four steps above, you have finished testing your microphone and headphones. The process of testing a microphone and headphones is quite simple, so you can do it yourself. Following these steps will ensure that your microphone and headphones are functioning properly.

If your headphones are crackling or making noise, affecting your work or chatting with friends, try checking out these troubleshooting tips before considering replacing them.

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