



# Importing cards

## Plain text and Microsoft Office (Word and Excel)

Mnemosyne can import plain text files where each line contains a question/answer pair separated by a tab. So e.g. if you have such a list in Word, save it as plain text (\*.txt), choose 'other encoding - Unicode (UTF-8)' if your data contains foreign characters, and then you get a file which you can import in Mnemosyne if you choose the 'Tab-separated text files' format.

The same goes for Excel using 'save as', 'tab delimited (txt)'. However, Excel's unicode text format is not the standard UTF-8, so this only works for latin characters.

## OpenOffice Calc

Choose *File-> Save as* and select csv as the format. Then click on the box that says *edit filter options* and choose utf-8 as the character set, tab as the field delimiter, and clear as the text delimiter. It works perfectly with unicode (a major advantage over Excel!).

## Importing cards in the Vocabulary card type

For each card, put 'foreign word', 'pronunciation', and 'meaning' on a single line, separated by tabs.

**Source URL:** <https://mnemosyne-proj.org/help/importing.php>