Subject: Don't laugh!
Posted by Kitt on Wed, 29 Nov 2017 17:18:03 GMT
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Hey guys. I have a stupid question here, but I really want to know the answer. Why does my phone radio only work when the earphones are plugged in?

Subject: Re: Don't laugh!
Posted by Lost the Remote on Fri, 01 Dec 2017 06:23:23 GMT
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Is it a Samsung model by chance? I had one that did that a few years ago. When I asked customer service, the answer was that the phone jack doubles as an antenna. No laughing from me, the issue bugged me enough to call customer service. I thought that it was my fault, like I had hit a wrong button that messed up my phone.

Subject: Re: Don't laugh!
Posted by gofar99 on Fri, 01 Dec 2017 21:42:14 GMT
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Hi, That is the answer. For some reason using the jack to connect to other gear (like an amp) doesn't act the same.

Subject: Re: Don't laugh!
Posted by Pique on Mon, 25 Dec 2017 10:12:53 GMT
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I certainly wasn't laughing because I'm one of those people who did wonder about that even though I didn't bother to try and find out the reason. It's great to finally know.

Subject: Re: Don't laugh!
Posted by Stephan on Tue, 23 Jan 2018 03:21:25 GMT
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I had to find out what it was we were not supposed to laugh about, but after reading your question, I couldn't help the laugh that escaped from me because I remember wondering about the same thing some time back, only I was too shy to ask anyone because I didn't want to look dumb...

Subject: Re: Don't laugh!
Posted by Junior on Mon, 19 Nov 2018 07:19:26 GMT

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There is no question that is dumb unless you already know the answer to the question. I had the same problem as I am also using a Samsung phone. What is funny is that I can play music through the player without the headphone but I cannot use the radio without the headphone connected.

Subject: Re: Don't laugh!
Posted by TheWanderer on Mon, 07 Jan 2019 18:03:44 GMT
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While this has never happened to me, I'm laughing because it's exactly the type of thing that would! :lol: Sometimes these gadgets have the simplest explanations or fixes. It's almost too obvious to consider until someone tells you. Glad you got it all worked out, happy listening.

Subject: Re: Don't laugh!
Posted by sawyer25 on Wed, 09 Jan 2019 13:46:00 GMT
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It never occurred to me that the reason for this was because the jack also acts as an antenna. Oddly enough, I hardly listen to the radio through the phone since switching to iOS.