Subject: MP3 player for older people ?
Posted by SamW on Tue, 03 Apr 2018 09:52:18 GMT
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I'm a visitor at the local retirement home where I chat and drink tea (or gin) with those who don't often or ever have visitors.

Recently, a lady received an MP3 player in the post. She loves the idea of being able to download audiobooks in particular. A few other residents want to do the same. However, the MP3 player that she had has very small controls and a small screen.

Does anybody know of any models that are suitable for people with impaired sensory skills such as sight and touch?

Subject: Re: MP3 player for older people ?
Posted by rarerat on Thu, 05 Apr 2018 08:34:25 GMT
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I don't really know of any personally but this question intrigued me. It is something I'd never thought of but it made me want to find a useful MP3 player for my mom.

I found a couple of sites with useful information.

Graying With Grace has a good article and recommendations.

And Elderly Gadget : is a site that looks at MP3 players and other gadgets for the elderly.

Thank you for the idea.

Subject: Re: MP3 player for older people ?
Posted by gofar99 on Thu, 05 Apr 2018 21:32:00 GMT
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Hi, Nice sounding mp3 players are not significantly cheaper than some tablets. (yes you can get $10 ones) The Amazon Fire ones come to mind at under $50. Others are out there as well. Plus you get the benefit of a communication device/video viewer and so on. There are a number of easy to use music player apps for them.

Subject: Re: MP3 player for older people ?
Posted by EParkes on Fri, 06 Apr 2018 03:06:30 GMT
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I came here to suggest the same thing as Bruce - tablets could be a good way to go. One of Amazon's Kindles or tablets could be a good way to go if they're getting audiobooks from Audible

since everything should sync up nicely/be easy to access.

By the way, I think it's super sweet of you to visit them!

Subject: Re: MP3 player for older people ?
Posted by shadowplay on Fri, 06 Apr 2018 15:33:20 GMT
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Are you looking for items in a certain price range? There are some cheap MP3 players out there that have large screens and simplistic features that would be easy for them to navigate. However, those would require uploading MP3 files, which might be outside of their abilities. I think getting something with the Audible app (or whatever they use for purchasing their ebooks) is going to be the best option.