Subject: Can speakers still compete?

Posted by Joyce on Mon, 05 Feb 2024 16:19:58 GMT

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I was thinking of upgrading the speakers for the TV in living room and one for the PC, but the children keep saying wireless earphones this or Bluetooth earbuds that. Those feel a little too individual. Maybe I'm worrying about not having enough time spent together.

Do you think there's a way to tempt the children to look my way?

Subject: Re: Can speakers still compete?

Posted by Wayne Parham on Tue, 06 Feb 2024 02:05:40 GMT

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Posted by Joyce on Wed. 07 Feb 2024 15:41:33 GMT

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People have different tastes in music; that's okay. It's not good for their ears to wear those earbuds for so long on top of not interacting with the rest of the family. Even if they want to hear their own music, speakers will get them much better sound quality than earbuds can provide anyway. I get that it's convenient, though.

Subject: Re: Can speakers still compete?

Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 07 Feb 2024 18:41:37 GMT

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I totally agree with you, Joyce.

Subject: Re: Can speakers still compete?

Posted by Helen on Tue, 30 Sep 2025 12:26:10 GMT

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Wayne Parham wrote on Mon, 05 February 2024 20:05

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This is the trend that we have today with kids now wanting earpuds instead of big speakers. I still believe that speakers can compete even with the technological advancement that we have now.

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Posted by Wayne Parham on Tue, 30 Sep 2025 17:06:17 GMT

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For me, loudspeakers are just more natural. Headphones sometimes sound great, but are still unnatural sounding to me. I've always guessed that it's 'cause I can see that I'm in a room, so my brain "expects" the room to filter the sound. Maybe people that love headphones are less sensitive to this than me, or maybe they close their eyes.

And earbuds are even more unattractive to me. They don't sound right and they don't feel right. But my kids love 'em. So maybe it's kind of a generational thing, I dunno.

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Posted by Helen on Tue, 07 Oct 2025 03:36:30 GMT

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It is more of a generational thing where kids nowadays would want a bit of privacy when it comes to what they are listening to. This is why you see them buying more headphones, earbuds and AirPods for their use even when it is related to playing music in the house. I don't get it, but it is obvious that they are more comfortable with such.

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Posted by Becky on Tue, 07 Oct 2025 17:19:40 GMT

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I never hated earbuds but the reason why speakers are good for the family is that you can just put songs and stay anywhere around the house and still hear the sounds and beats too. Earbuds are when I want to watch movies or listen to personal songs.