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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Subject: Re: Can speakers still compete?
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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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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Subject: Re: Can speakers still compete?
Posted by George on Wed, 15 Jul 2026 06:08:48 GMT
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One can't even compare both. Speakers are simply on a different level because they serve a different purpose than what you use earpuds for just like you said.

Subject: Re: Can speakers still compete?
Posted by Rusty on Thu, 16 Jul 2026 00:02:25 GMT
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Being older I find them a statement on our society and culture. I have no desire to wear earbuds or earphones. I go to a university gym to do my geezer workout and virtually all the young students there have their ears plugged up with these things. No one talks to one another and inbetween sets on the weight machines they're riveted into their smartphones.

To me this generation doesn't socialize as much as stay in their personal artificial environment. I speculate on whether or not that will have unforeseeable implications in the future.

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Posted by Hank on Thu, 16 Jul 2026 14:19:30 GMT
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Do you rate DIY speakers ahead of the ones sold in the market? What has been your experience so far?

Subject: Re: Can speakers still compete?
Posted by Rusty on Sun, 09 Aug 2026 16:19:55 GMT
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There's great speakers that can be had commercially, or the used market. Some of the classics of old they say can compete with the ones of today and better. The DIY bug bit me when I was younger and more impoverished. That was an avenue with the quality and performance I craved over. Even now I'm not inclined to spend whatever K it would take to get performance. I've attained it with DIY I think. So, I'm satisfied.
