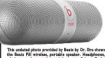


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Headphones, speakers top gift lists

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It's the season of giving, and the gifts are as varied as the people who give them. But when it comes to electronics, there are a few items that are consistently popular. Headphones and speakers are among the top gifts on people's wish lists, according to a survey conducted by the National Electronics Retailers Association.

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Christmas of '67

The older I get, the more ordinary Christmas seems. Maybe that's what it means to grow up — the glitter and the whimsy of something that was once magical and wild slowly fades. Or maybe it's because on Christmas will ever reach the highs and lows of the one I survived the year I turned 13.

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