



What is the difference between a personal listener and a personal amplifier?

Personal listeners and personal amplifiers are both small assistive devices that support people with hearing loss. They differ however in their design and support purpose.

Personal listeners

Personal listeners focus on speech. They are designed to detect and enhance the sound of a person speaking over background noise.

Personal listeners usually include directional microphones and outputs to headphones or hearing aids.

Personal amplifiers

Personal amplifiers enhance all sounds within a certain range. They do not prioritise one type of sound over another but amplify any sound they detect.

Personal amplifiers do not include directional microphones or audio input ports, but they do have output ports for headphones or similar products.

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