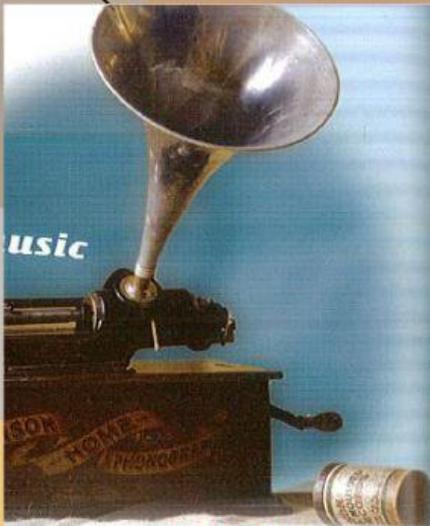


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1877

Thomas Edison invented the phonograph, which recorded sound on cylinders. Four years later, Charles Tainter invented the first flat disc record. Which were the most popular: cylinders or records? Surprisingly, 1 weren't popular for another 50 years. Until the 1920s, most people listened to music on cylinders on a phonograph.

1982

Compact discs appeared in 1982. At first they were very expensive, but by the 1990s they were more popular than both LPs and cassettes. But how much longer will CDs be popular? Apple introduced the first iPod® in 2001, and more and more people bought Internet-based MP3 players.



1928 and 1948

In 1928, Dr. Fritz Pfeleumer invented tape recording in Germany, but tape recorders weren't available in the U.S. until 20 years later. Also, in 1948, the invention of the LP (long-playing record) meant that people could hear more music on each record—around 23 minutes a side. Which did people choose: tapes or LPs? Most people chose 2, but after Sony introduced the Walkman® in 1979, more and more people listened to 3.

The Future

MP3 or CD: which will we choose? Most people think that 4 will soon replace 5. The big question is: what will replace MP3 players? We won't know the answer to that question for a few years.

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- 4.
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CDs

cassette tapes

records

MP3 players

LPs

AFTER READING

True or false? Correct the false sentences.

- 1 In the 19th century, cylinders were more popular than records.
- 2 Thomas Edison invented the tape recorder.
- 3 Tape recorders weren't available in the U.S. until 1948.
- 4 LPs became less popular after the invention of the Walkman.
- 5 CDs were very expensive when they first appeared.
- 6 Most people think that CDs will replace MP3 players.

Good Luck