Awesome Tech Gifts for Kids and Teens

Christmas shopping can be a time-consuming and stressful affair—especially when you're shopping for children and teenagers! To help you out, we've assembled a list of some of this year's coolest tech gift ideas for kids and teens.

Beyond just the coolness factor, our list has parental concerns in mind, as we know many parents just aren't ready to put a "grown-up" smartphone in their kid's hands just yet. With our suggested tech gifts, as well as the streaming power of NLBC's high-speed fiber internet, the kids in your life will be delighted this holiday season—and they might even learn a thing or two at the same time!

Tech Gifts for Younger Kids and Toddlers

Amazon Fire HD 10 2023 Kids Edition

For parents considering giving their younger kids their first tablet to explore, <u>Amazon Fire HD 10 2023 Kids Edition</u> is perhaps the best overall choice on the market today. It's simply a perfect blend of features and capabilities kids want like games, videos, photos, and learning apps, and parental controls and safety, including strong monitoring and settings over screentime and content.

Specifically engineered with kids in mind, the Amazon Fire HD 10 2023 Kids Edition's content and accessibility "grows up" with your child as he or she ages. It's also sturdy and durable for the rougher handling (and even occasional drops) kids are more prone to.

VTech KidiZoom Smartwatch DX3

If you're looking for a safe way to enable your children to connect with you and other family members, check out the <u>VTech KidiZoom Smartwatch DX3</u>. Unlike other smartwatches built for adults, this watch utilizes pre-drafted, simple messages that kids can send—but only to other DX3 phones that have been previously paired to their own watch, giving children and their parents a safe communication tool.

The DX3 also has preprogrammed games that can keep kids amused while they're away from other devices and toys.

LeapFrog Chat and Count Emoji Phone

Should you be looking for a first "phone" for your littlest one, consider the <u>LeapFrog Chat</u> and <u>Count Emoji Phone</u>. While not an actual phone, this clever device is a lifesaver when you need to get your expensive "real" smartphone out of a toddler's hands and replace it with something that will keep their attention!

Best for youngsters between about 18 and 36 months old, the LeapFrog Chat and Count Emoji Phone helps kids learn essential skills like counting, as well as the basics of phone handling and usage through charming and simple animations, songs, and other games and activities.

Tech Gifts for Teens and Tweens

Razer BlackShark V2 Gaming Headset

If your tween or teen happens to be a gamer, surprise them with the <u>Razer BlackShark V2</u> gaming headset. Remember that gamers care about audio effects in games and their communication capabilities with fellow players as much as any other component of gaming, so they'll appreciate a solid gaming headset.

There are countless excellent headsets that gamers can use, but we like the Razer BlackShark V2 model for several reasons, including its compatibility with just about every gaming console and device available, sumptuous 7.1 Spatial Surround Sound, and durability. It's also adjustable to just about any head size too, so it can fit your kid as he or she ages.

Kobo Elipsa 2E eReader

Parents who aren't quite ready to purchase a full-fledged tablet for their tween or teen but want them to enjoy the benefits of an e-reader, we recommend the Kobo Elipsa 2E eReader. More than just an e-reader (like Amazon's Kindle), the Kobo Elipsa also has unique writing abilities for notetaking and other useful scribbling and drafting, making it ideal for students.

Its writing tools are customizable and include a wide range of fonts and designs. Your kid will also appreciate its large 10.3" screen, as well. Though it displays in black and white, it's an excellent e-reader for fans of graphic novels and comic books.

Ryze Tech Tello Mini Drone Quadcopter UAV for Kids

Drones are becoming increasingly popular—and are one of the few tech devices that actually gets your kids outdoors! If your older child or teen is clamoring for a drone, we recommend a "beginner" level model like the Ryze Tech Tello Mini Drone Quadcopter UAV for Kids made by DJI, a leading manufacturer of drones.

Its lower cost, generous 13-minute flight time, and solid camera for photos and videos make it a superb choice for training younger would-be drone pilots. And since this mini drone is also quite durable for its price, it will really let your kid or teen test their piloting mettle.

From devices that help children learn and safely experience technology, to sweet tech toys and accessories you'll want to play with yourself, our list will get your holiday shopping well-started.