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The Ritmo say the prenatal device, worn on the abdomen, allows babies to be acclimated in utero to any sounds — foreign languages, classical music — chosen by the parents.



# Comparing prenatal sound devices

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Several devices are designed to pump music, speech and other sounds to the unborn.

### BabyPlus

Slogan: "Your womb ... the perfect classroom"

Looks like: a large, flat egg inside a white fanny pack worn in front

Cost: \$149

What it does: plays a series of 16 rhythm patterns that are supposed to resemble a mother's heartbeat; rhythms speed up as the weeks go along

### Bellysonic

Slogan: "An early start for your baby ... relaxation and joy for you"

Looks like: a fuzzy, narrow money belt

Cost: \$69.95

What it does: attaches to an MP3 player and plays music or speech directly into the belly

### FirstSounds/Bebe Sounds

Slogan: "Listen, talk and play music to your unborn baby!"

Looks like: a medium-size air hockey pusher that you move around your belly

Cost: about \$50 for gift set

What it does: attempts two-way communication, recording womb sounds and sending them through headphones to you or sending speech, music or other recorded sound to the baby

### Lullabelly

Slogan: "The first investment in your child's future"

Looks like: a wide bandanna wrapped around your middle

Cost: \$49

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**Ritmo**

Slogan: "Bonding through music"

Looks like: a flat, cloth doughnut (belly goes through the hole) with four built-in speakers and a waist strap

Cost: \$149

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