Sound matters

**Elipson’s Lenny Speaker** (above) is so Frenchy, so chic. Portable and cable-free (it can also be plugged in old-school style), it works with any Bluetooth-enabled Android or iOS smartphone, laptop or tablet, runs seven to eight hours between charges and sounds as good as it looks.

If your style runs more to the miniature, check out **Kakkoii’s Loop’d Bluetooth Speaker**. Bright, tiny and playful, it’s the ultimate portable musical accessory: loop it to your bike, your bag, your tent pole, your belt or the nearest tree ... in fact, pretty much anywhere you like.

Sleep-deprived partners of snorers may take comfort from the **Silent Partner anti-snoring device**. Said to quell those intensely irritating zzzzzzzzz sounds via noise cancellation technology, it’s available for pre-order now – if you can bear to wait!

Suggestions for the gadget-inclined

As Christmas approaches, here are some carefully curated and covetable devices – practical, indulgent or simply out there! – for anyone passionate about, or simply intrigued by, current consumer technology.

Still in aural mode, wearable technology doesn’t get much smaller or cuter than **Skybuds**, ‘truly wireless premium ear-buds with a battery-boosting smartphone case for charging and storage’. Neat!

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Vroom!

Rev-heads young and old can smoke it up with Anki Overdrive’s amazing self-driving toy cars. Described as ‘Scalextric ** for the 21st century’, you’ll need the track and the cars, and each person racing requires a compatible iOS or Android device.

For those leading the pack environmentally, what could be better than:

> an E-Station home or office electric vehicle charging station, or
> a smart, two-wheeled, self-balancing electric personal transporter?

Beloved of celebrities the world over, the self-balancing scooters resemble Segways minus the handlebars and, with the right body aboard, are elegant and virtuous in equal measure.

Lights, camera, action

**Ligbo** (pictured above) is a small, powerful and versatile LED cube designed to light up your life ... on bike rides, at parties or just chilling at home. Easily programmed, it’s Bluetooth-enabled, so can be fully controlled via an iOS or Android smartphone. It looks great too!

Budding auteurs can capture the action with a **Ronin-M** 3-axis hand-held gimbal stabiliser. Light, compact and boasting ‘astonishing power’, it helps ‘capture the world’ by ‘professionally stabilising’ hand-held video cameras.

No gadget-lover’s arsenal would be complete without a drone (get one now before regulations tighten). Ben Popper of **The Verge** opines that DJI’s **Phantom 3** is the best that money can buy, plus there’s a range of nifty accessories to choose from.

And finally, a timely reminder...

With the festive season almost upon us, and without being alarmist, remember, please, that batteries can be dangerous. The lithium button batteries in novelty toys, calculators, key fobs and small remote controls, even musical greeting cards, can be lethal if swallowed by children – and all batteries are toxic ***, even deadly, if chewed or ingested by pets. Do those you love (and the planet?) a favour; be vigilant, keep batteries beyond the reach of children and animals, and recycle them responsibly.

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* Note in the next issue of **The Power of 3**.
** Brand name for a range of slot car racing sets that first appeared in the late 1950s.
*** US researchers aim to develop an aqueous Li-ion battery with the power, efficiency and longevity of current Li-ion batteries but without the toxic chemicals and fire risk. Watch this space ...