

## LISTENING DEVICE INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE

# Cassette Player – Walkman

## Activity

### WHAT DO YOU SEE? (2 minutes)

- Read out loud the history of the device.
- How would you describe this device to someone who can't see?
- What questions do you have about this device?

### WHAT DO YOU HEAR? (4 minutes)

- Listen to music on the device by following the instructions.
- How is this device similar to how you listen to music today?
- How is this device different from how you listen to music today?

### WHAT DO YOU THINK? (2 minutes)

- What are the strengths and weaknesses of the device's design?
- Why is this device not popular today?
- How would you change this device to make it better?

## History

- In 1979, Sony released this personal cassette player. Sony called this device the “Walkman” because it allowed the owner to play their chosen music while on the move.
- The Walkman plays compact cassette tapes, which were developed by the Dutch technology company Philips in 1962. Compact cassette tapes became popular and replaced 8-track tapes due to its smaller size, improved sound quality, and reliability.
- Unlike an 8-track, the compact cassette is inserted completely inside the cassette player.
- Songs are recorded on both sides of the tape, which allows more music to be stored on each cassette. To play all parts of the tape, the cassette has to be removed and turned to the other side.
- Standard cassette tapes can hold up to 150 minutes of sound.
- In 1986, the word “Walkman” was added to the dictionary.

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## Instructions

### LISTEN TO A CASSETTE TAPE

1. Connect headphones to the green HEADPHONE JACK and place the headphones over your ears. If there is more than one listener, you may plug in a headphone splitter to use additional headphones.
2. Carefully open the lid.
3. Insert a cassette. Slide the cassette against the lid with the cassette film facing up.
4. Slide the function selection to TAPE.
5. Set the MODE to NORM.
6. Press PLAY ►.
7. Adjust VOLUME as needed.
8. Press REWIND ◀◀ to move back or FAST-FORWARD ▶▶ to skip ahead on the cassette.
9. Press STOP ■ when finished.
10. Leave the Walkman on TAPE mode to stay turned OFF.

### LISTENING TO AM/FM RADIO

1. Select AM or FM.
2. Move the TUNING dial to find a radio frequency.
3. When finished, move the mode to TAPE to turn OFF.

#### \*Troubleshooting:

If the Walkman does not turn on, it most likely needs new batteries. Open up the BATTERY COMPARTMENT and install 2 AA batteries (teachers only).

