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| \$99.99 one-off payment | \$129.00 one-off payment | \$15–40 per hour |
| Best sound quality  | 3–4 dB less than Echo | No mute button  |
| Plays music from apps | Let's you upload your own music  | Might sing for you if persuaded. Or if paid more. |
| Multiple wake-word options like "Alexa" or "Echo"  | Only responds to "Hey, Google!" | Might get mad if you call them at 6am to order you coffee |
| Responds better to particular word choices | Doesn't seem to mind what words you use |  Be polite! |
| Has access to multiple third-party sites  | Has access to many of the same third-party sites, as well as YouTube, which Alexa lacks | Can log onto YouTube for you, maybe even recommend new tunes; probably knows cool new apps |
| Spells words, sets timers, reads you the news |  Spells words, sets timers, reads you the news | I mean, I guess they <i>could</i> sit there and read to you, but what are you, 5?  |
| Maybe one day robots will be able to collect laundry | It could happen — you never know | Can collect your laundry easily  |
| Won't yell back at you  | Won't yell back at you |  Is a sentient being who understands everything you say |