9.5.4 Mobile Device Accessory Facts

Mobile phone accessories include any hardware or software that is not integral to the operation of a mobile phone as designed by the manufacturer. Some mobile accessories are described in the following table:

Accessory	Description
Headsets	Mobile headsets allow you to listen to music and answer phone calls. Mobile headsets come in both corded and cordless varieties using Bluetooth technology.
Speakers	Speakers allow you to listen to your mobile device without headphones. Portable speakers can be connected to your mobile device using Bluetooth or through the earphone jack.
Gamepads	Gamepads allow you to turn your mobile device into a virtual multi-touch gamepad for PC games through a Wi-Fi connection.
Docking Stations	A docking station allows you to charge an electronic device. Because a wide range of dockable devices have different connectors, power signaling, and uses, docks are not standardized and are designed for a specific make and model of a mobile device.
Extra Batteries/Chargers	Cell phone chargers have gone through a diverse evolution that included cradles, plug-in cords, and obscure connectors. However, more recent devices generally use micro-USB. (Apple devices still use proprietary cables.) External batteries can be included in the case (power case). Also, external batteries can include rubber suction.
Protective Covers	Protective covers or cases are designed to attach to, support, and hold a mobile device. Protective covers are meant to protect a mobile device from accidental drops, shock, and water. Protective covers include: • Pouches and sleeves • Holsters • Shells • Skins • Bumpers • Flip cases and wallets • Screen protection and body films • Leather cases
Credit Card Readers	A credit card reader allows you to accept credit and debit cards payments through your smartphone or tablet.
Memory/MicroSD	Some smart phones feature SD card slots, usually the smaller MicroSD variant. These, in combination with a compatible SD card, can be used to transfer files from one device to another, or simply to increase the storage capacity of the phone.