



Overview

Toys are objects that we play with.

Toys can be anything from **simple pieces of wood** and string, to modern **computers and consoles**.

Civilisations from **all points in time**, from way back in history, and from **all around the world**, produced and played with different kinds of toys.

Toys have **developed and changed** a lot over time, as new materials have been used and new technologies have become available.

Many toys, for example dolls, have been around for **hundreds of years**, but the way that they look and have been made have **changed lots over time!**



Toys through Time

		Key Vocabulary
1900-1929		-At the start of the 20 th Century, toys depended on gender and wealth. Rich girls played with dolls and rich boys played with toy soldiers. The poor largely had to make their own toys. -At the beginning of the 20 th century, toys began to be mass-produced for the first time, for example teddy bears and crayons.
1930-1959		-In this time period, toys changed from being mostly made out of wood, to plastic. -Most toys still relied on levers, cogs and pulleys in order to move. Yo-yos, Monopoly and Lego were all invented during this time period.
1960-1989		-More and more toys used batteries during this time period, for example remote control cars. -Plastic figurines were also very popular. Towards the end of this era, people began playing games consoles, e.g. Atari and Nintendo.
1990 - Present Day		-Modern toys have changed rapidly, as different materials and technologies have been used. -For example, games consoles have become more and more popular as computer technology has improved.
		Toy
		Console
		Batteries
		Electronic
		Cog
		Lever
		Axis
		Factory
		Museum
		Entertainment
		Figurine
		Pulley

Popular Toys

<p>Dolls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A doll is a model of a human. -The earliest dolls can be traced back to the early civilisations of Egypt, Greece and Rome. -With new materials such as plastic, there are now thousands of different types of dolls that are mass-produced. 	<p>Board Games</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A board game is a game that is played on a flat surface. -It involves counter pieces being moved around on a 'board.' -They have been played from the earliest civilisations, e.g. Egypt and Mesopotamia.
<p>Physical Activity Toys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -These are toys that require the user to be active, e.g. trampolines and hula-hoops. -Some of these toys, e.g. skipping ropes and balls, have been around for hundreds of years! -These toys can be used to build up physical fitness. 	<p>Teddy Bears</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A teddy bear is a soft toy in the form of a bear. -The first teddy bears were sold in 1902 – named after Theodore 'Teddy' Roosevelt. -There are now thousands of types of teddies.
<p>Construction Toys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construction toys allow the user to build using blocks or pieces. -The most famous example is Lego, which was first released in Denmark in 1949. -Over 600 billion Lego parts have been produced! 	<p>Computer Games Consoles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A video games console is a computer system on which the user can play games. -The first games consoles were around from the 1970s, but were nothing like games consoles today! The biggest selling console of all time is the PS2.

Top 10 Toys Facts!

1. Before electric toys were invented, many toys had levers, hinges and wheels, so that the user could move them.
2. The word 'toy' comes from the Old English word meaning 'tool.'
3. You can often tell when a toy is from by the material that it is made from.
4. Toys changed a lot after TV was invented: many were based on TV shows that children watch – this still happens today!
5. Rubik's Cubes are a popular puzzle toy – more than 350 million have been sold!
6. Toys can be very big or very small – from tiny finger puppets to huge dollhouses!
7. Even a piece of string can be used as a toy! When both ends are tied together, people have used it over the years to play Cat's Cradle.
8. Sometimes toys go through a 'craze' period when they are popular – like the hula hoop in the 1950s or rollerblades in the 1990s.
9. The first ever video arcade game was called 'Pong' and was made by Atari in 1972.
10. It takes 63 feet of wire to make a slinky toy.

Toys Timeline – 1900 to Present Day

1902: The Teddy Bear was invented, named after US President Theodore Roosevelt.

1903: Crayola crayons are sold for the first time.

1920s and 1930s: Train sets and furry toys became very popular during this time.

1949: Lego begin making construction blocks.

1959: The first Barbie doll.

1966: Action Man dolls go on sale in the UK.

1970s: Space hoppers and clackers were popular toys.

1990: The Super Nintendo games console is released.

1998: The Furby electronic toy goes on sale.

2013: Playstation 4 games console is released by Sony.