

# Toys

## 1. How long have toys existed?

Toys have existed for thousands of years. The oldest known doll toy is thought to be 4,000 years old.



## 3. What were toys made of during the Victorian age?

Toys were made out of the materials that were available at the time. They were mainly made of wood, paper and metal during the Victorian age, but stones and string have also been made into toys.

### 19<sup>th</sup> century

Toys: wooden dolls, wooden doll houses, tea sets, ball and cup spinning top, toys soldiers, leather footballs.



### 20<sup>th</sup> century

Toys: teddy bears, Barbie dolls, Action Man, electronic toys, computers, games consoles



### 21<sup>st</sup> century

Toys: handheld games consoles, virtual reality.



## 2. What toys did Victorian children play with?

Rich Victorian children played with toys such as clockwork trains, rocking horses, tea sets and dolls. Poorer children played with homemade toys such as peg dolls, wooden boats and rags stuffed with sawdust to make balls or toy animals.

## 4. What are modern toys made of?

Modern toys are mainly made of plastic. This is because it is usually safer and easier to make things with. Materials like wood, metal and string are used less than in Victorian times.

## 5. How are modern toys different to Victorian toys?

Many modern toys use electricity to work. Computers and consoles were invented in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.