

# Toys - History



How can we describe toys?	
New	Old
Electronic	Weak
Shiny	Light
Strong	Broken
Light	Heavy
Clean	Rusty
Hand-held	Soft
Game Consoles	Remote controlled

What are the differences between old and new toys?		
	Old Toys	New Toys
<b>Materials</b>	Wood, tin, Lead, porcelain, cast iron	Plastic, foam, rubber, nylon
<b>Technology</b>	Gears	Electronic speakers, screens
<b>Manufacture</b>	Mostly handmade	Mass produced in factories
<b>Safety</b>	Some sharp edges and unsafe materials	Strict rules are in place so that toys are safe



## Sticky Knowledge:

- Some of the toys played with today (including electronics) were not around when parents/grandparents were children.
- Older toys were made from mainly wood, metal and fabric.
- Lots of toys in the past were hand-made as toys from a shop were expensive to buy.

## How could we find out about toys in the past?



Vocabulary	
<b>Victorian</b>	Time of Queen Victoria's reign. 1837-1901
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Century</b>	1900-1999.
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Century</b>	We are in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century. 2000-2099
<b>Wooden toys</b>	Lots of toys were made of wood. Boats, train sets and cup and ball were all made of wood.
<b>Paper toys</b>	Some toys like paper windmills were made out of paper.
<b>Metal toys</b>	Toy soldiers and spinning tops were made out of metal.
<b>Plastic toys</b>	Most modern toys are made out of plastic. Toy soldiers, dolls, and ride-on cars.

**19<sup>th</sup> century**  
Toys: wooden dolls, wooden doll houses, tea sets, ball and cup, spinning top, toys soldiers, leather footballs.

**21<sup>st</sup> century**  
Toys: handheld games consoles, virtual reality.

**20<sup>th</sup> century**  
Toys: teddy bears, Barbie dolls, Action Man, electronic toys, computers, games consoles.