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Are my toys different to yours?

Past— time that has already gone by and is something that has already happened.

Present— the period of time that is happening now, at this time.

Old— made or built long ago

New—made recently

Design— a plan to show the look and function of an object before it is made.

Make— putting parts together to create something.

Wheels— Circular object connected at the centre to a bar.

Axel— a rod that goes through a wheel.

Chassis—the base frame of a car.

Materials— what something is made out of.

Handmade— things that were created by hand.

Transparent— you can see through the object.

Autumn— the season after summer and before winter.

Christian—a person who is a believer in Christianity.

Prayer— a request for help addressed to God.



Children who were poor in the past would make their own toys out of different materials they could find. They would save their money to buy marbles. Girls from rich families would play with dolls and tea sets and boys would play with toy soldiers and marbles. They might have had rocking horses with a real horse mane.



1800s - Rich family
Children from rich families played with train sets, tea sets, dolls and toy soldiers.

1800s - Poor family
Children from poor families played with homemade toys such as ragdolls and wooden boats.

1902
In Germany, Richard Steiff based one of his toy designs on a bear he saw at the zoo. In 1902, the Steiff Company started making teddy bears.

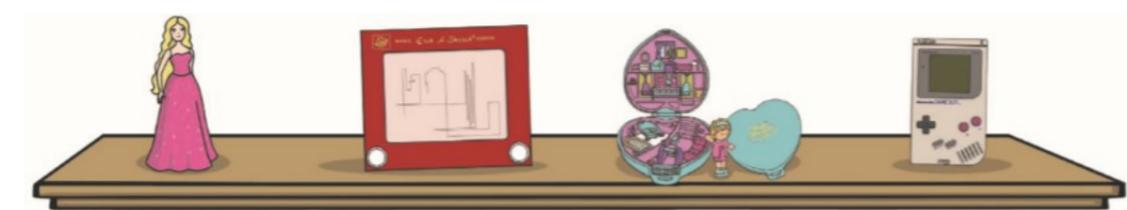


1903
Binney and Smith made a set of 8 wax crayons in 1903. Binney's wife named them Crayola.

1907
The name Meccano was introduced and the first Meccano factory opened in Liverpool.

1934 - 1949
Ole Kirk Christiansen called his toy company 'Lego' in 1939. The plastic blocks were made in 1949.

1943
Richard James invented the slinky in 1943. It performed tricks such as walking down the stairs.



1959
Ruth Handler invented the Barbie doll in 1959. She named the doll after her daughter, Barbara.

1959
The Etch a Sketch was invented by André Cassagnes in 1959 and was introduced in the 1960s.

1983
Chris Wiggs invented Polly Pocket for his daughter in 1983. They first appeared in shops in 1989.

1989
The first Game Boy was developed by Nintendo and was released in Japan in 1989.

Toys in the past were very different to how they are now. Old toys are sometimes still played with now like the teddy bear. Old toys were usually made from different materials such as wood, metal (tin), glass and fabric. Toys from now are usually made from plastic and might need batteries or electricity for them to work. Old toys would have been handmade and would cost a lot to make and a long time. New toys are now made by machines in factories and they use a cheaper material, like plastic to make lots of toys in large quantities.



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