

Y1- Toys Through Time

Changes within living memory

TOGETHER

We can find out about the past by:

- looking at and reading non-fiction books searching the internet
- talking to people who were around at the time that we want to find out about
- watching video clips or TV shows about the time in history we want to find out about
- visiting museums
- looking at photographs
- looking at objects from the past

How long have toys existed?

Toys have existed for thousands of years. They were made out of materials that were available at the time.

What were toys made of 100 years ago?

Toys were mainly made of wood, paper and metal.

What toys did children play with 100 years ago?

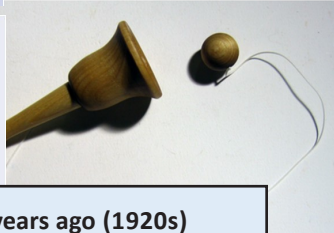
Rich children played with toys such as clockwork trains, tea sets and dolls. Poorer children played with homemade toys such as peg dolls, wooden boats and rags stuffed with sawdust to make balls or toy animals

Teddy bears have been around for more than 100 years and used to be stuffed with wood shavings. Now they are stuffed with soft fibres.



A cup and ball

100 years ago, dolls were made with a porcelain face and a felt body. Today, dolls are usually made from soft plastic.



Toys 100 years ago (1920s)



Toys 60 years ago (1960s)

These are the toys that your **older relatives** would have played with at your age. Some of the toys from this time in history are **similar** to the toys we play with now, like Play Doh and the game Twister. They might look different to the modern versions because of different **packaging designs**.

Other toys from this time in history are **different** because of what they are made out of. A toy ride on car from the 1960s would have been made out of **wood**, today they are made of **plastic**. We would call toys from the 1960s 'old' toys.

Vocabulary

Generation-A group of people born and living during the same time.

Similarity—being like or almost the same as something else.

Difference— Being unlike something else. Not the same.

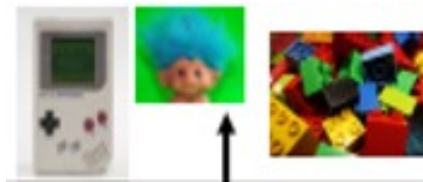
Young- Having lived for only a short time. In the early stages of life and growth.

Old— Something not new that has existed before.

New- Something that is recent or modern.

Material— A thing that something is made out of. For example, chalk, paper, wood.

Clockwork— A clockwork toy has machinery inside it which makes it move when it is wound up with a key.



Toys 30 years ago (1990s)

These are the toys that your **caregivers** would have played with at your age. Because of advances in technology, your caregivers would have played with more **electronic toys** than your older relatives, such as Tamagotchi's and a Nintendo 64 (an early games console).

Other toys from this time in history are **similar** to **modern day** toys such as Mr Potato Head, trolls and the Hungry Hippos board game.

Toys from this time are **older** than modern day toys but **newer** than 1960s toys.



Toys in the present day

These are the toys that we play with **today**, in the **present**. We call these toys **modern day** toys. Some of these toys are similar to toys from the past but some are different. The **differences** are because of:

- advances in technology
- changes in packaging and design
- changes in manufacturing (how the toys are made)

Future toys will be different again!