

Toys

Key Events and Facts

How long have toys existed?	Toys have existed for thousands of years. They were made out of the materials that were available at the time. Even stones and strings have been made into toys.
What were toys made of in the Victorian age?	Toys were mainly made of wood, paper and metal during the Victorian age.
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.
What are modern day toys made of?	Modern toys are mainly made of plastic. This is because it is usually easier and safer to make things with.
How are modern toys different?	Many modern toys use electricity to work. Computers and consoles were invented in the 20 th Century.

Key Words

Victorian	The time of Queen Victoria's reign 1837-1901	Wooden toys	Lots of toys were made from wood. Boats, trains and cup and ball were all made from wood. Some toys are still made from wood.
20th Century	The 20 th Century was 1900-1999	Paper toys	Some toys like paper windmills were made out of paper.
21st Century	We are in the 21 st Century. It started in the year 2000 and will end in 2099.	Metal toys	Toy soldiers and some spinning tops were made out of metal.
		Plastic toys	Most modern toys are made of plastic. Toy soldiers, dolls and ride-on cars are usually made out of plastic.
		19th century	Toys: wooden dolls/ dollhouses, tea sets, ball and cup, spinning top, leather footballs
		20th Century	Toys: Teddy bears, Barbie dolls, action figures, electronic toys, computers, games consoles
		21st Century	Toys: Handheld games consoles, virtual reality

