

Toys

Key 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.

What toys did Victorian children play with?

Toys were mainly made of wood, paper and metal during the Victorian age. 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 toys made of?

Modern toys are mainly made of plastic. This is because it is usually safer and easier to make things with.

How are modern toys different?

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



rocking horse

electronic games

tablet

Key Vocabulary

then	a particular time in the past
now	at the present time or moment
artefacts	An object or item that tells us information about the past.
technology	the use of knowledge to invent new devices or tools
timeline	Describes the order in which events happened.
Victorian	The time of Queen Victoria's reign. 1837-1901.
20 th century	The 20th century was 1900-1999.
21 st century	We are in the 21st century. It started in the year 2000 and will end in 2099.

19th century

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



21st century

Toys: handheld games consoles, virtual reality.



20th century

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

