

# Are toys today much better than those from the past?

<p><b>1800s - Rich family</b> Children from rich families played with train sets, tea sets, dolls and toy soldiers.</p>	<p><b>1800s - Poor family</b> Children from poor families played with homemade toys such as ragdolls and wooden boats.</p>	<p><b>1902</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>1903</b> Binney and Smith made a set of 8 wax crayons in 1903. Binney's wife named them Crayola.</p>	<p><b>1907</b> The name Meccano was introduced and the first Meccano factory opened in Liverpool.</p>
<p><b>1934 - 1949</b> Ole Kirk Christiansen called his toy company 'Lego' in 1939. The plastic blocks were made in 1949.</p>	<p><b>1943</b> Richard James invented the slinky in 1943. It performed tricks such as walking down the stairs.</p>	<p><b>1959</b> Ruth Handler invented the Barbie doll in 1959. She named the doll after her daughter, Barbara.</p>	<p><b>1959</b> The Etch a Sketch was invented by André Cassagnes in 1959 and was introduced in the 1960s.</p>	<p><b>1983</b> Chris Wiggs invented Polly Pocket for his daughter in 1983. They first appeared in shops in 1989.</p>
		<p><b>1989</b> The first Game Boy was developed by Nintendo and was released in Japan in 1989.</p>		

## Key Vocabulary

Old	New	Worn	Faded	Colourful	Plastic	Wooden	
Past	present	Poor	Rich	Fragile	wind up	Battery powered	chronologically

## Scientific Vocabulary



### Lesson enquiry questions

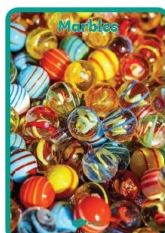
- What are toys like today?
- What are other people's toys like?
- How can we tell that these toys are old?
- What were our grandparent's toys like?
- Who played with these toys a long time ago?
- How can we show visitors what we have learnt?

### Can you find out?

- What was your first ever toy?
- What toys did your parents and grandparents play with?
- How do your toys differ from your grandparents?

## Key Knowledge

In the past, games and toys that children played with were spinning top, dolls, cars, marbles, tiddlywinks, wind up toys.



In the past children played with different games and toys depending on whether they were a girl or boy/ rich or poor.