

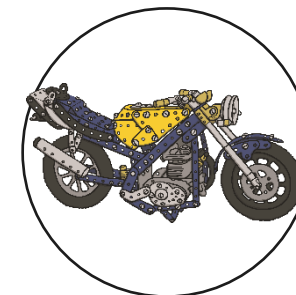
Key Facts

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. Even stones and string have been made into toys.
What were toys made of in the 1800s?	Toys were mainly made of wood, paper and metal in the 1800s.
What toys did children play with in the 1800s?	Rich 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 easier and cheaper to make things with plastic.
How are modern toys different?	Many modern toys use electricity to work. Computers and consoles were invented in the 1900s

dolls



Meccano



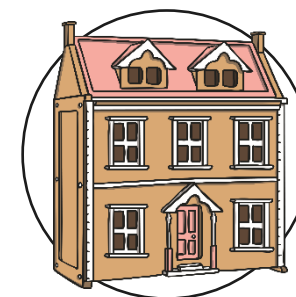
teddy bears



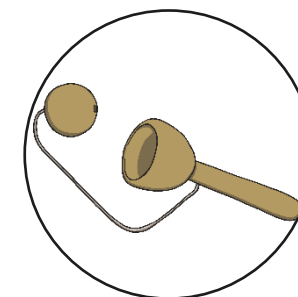
board games



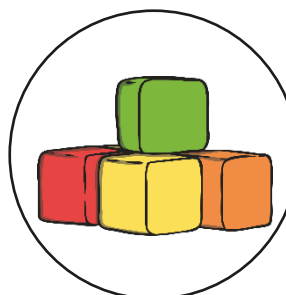
doll house



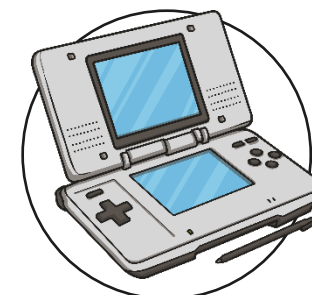
ball and cup



building blocks



Computer games and consoles



Key Vocabulary

wooden toys	Lots of toys were made of wood. Boats, train sets and cup and ball were all made of wood. Some toys are still made of wood.
paper toys	Some toys, like paper windmills, were made out of paper.
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 of plastic.
modern	Things made now or recently.
the past	Things that happened before now.
The problem with plastic	People have begun to realise that plastic is bad for our planet. Right now, scientists are trying to find clever ways to use other materials to make modern toys and other objects.

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



1800s

1900s

Toys: handheld games consoles, virtual reality.



2000s

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

