



Key Questions

- What are our toys like today
- What are other people's toys like?
- How can we tell these toys are old?
- What were our grandparents' toys like and how do we know?
- Who played with these toys a long time ago?
- Can we set up a Toy museum in our school?

Toy Facts

- Before electric toys were invented, many toys had levers, hinges and wheels so that the user could move them.
- The word 'toy' comes from the Old English word meaning 'tool.'
- You can often tell when a toy is from by the material it is made from.
- Many toys changed a lot after TV was invented. Many toys were based on TV shows that children watched. This still happens today.

Key Vocabulary

Old	Having lived or existed for a very long time.
New	Made or discovered recently.
Oldest	Having lived the longest.
Young	Having lived or existed for a short time.
Age (years)	Length of time something or someone has lived or existed.
Modern	Relating to recent times.
Old-fashioned	A style that is from the past.
Past	Gone by in time.
Present	Taking place now.
Similarity	How people or objects are like each other.
Difference	How people or objects are not like each other.
Worn	Damaged or shabby.
Dull	Not bright or shiny.
Shiny	A smooth surface that is bright.
Rusty	A red-brown substance on metal when it decays.
Cracked	A split on an object that has damaged it.
Peeling	Parts of an outer layer coming off.

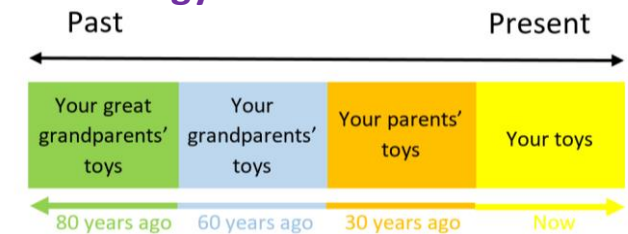
Differences between old and new toys

Old toys were often made of wood. Modern (new) toys are often made of plastic.

Old toys were mechanical or moved by hand. Modern toys use batteries.

Old toys were usually made by hand. Modern (new) toys are usually made by machines.

Chronology



Sources

Photographs	Museums
Pictures / Paintings	Objects
Memories from people	