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Toys of the Past

Toys change a lot as time goes on. There is a much greater choice of toys now than there ever was in the past. Many toys in the past would have been home-made rather than bought in a shop.

Teddy Bears

One of the most popular toys from the past is the 'teddy bear'. The teddy bear was named after an American president called Theodore 'Teddy' Roosevelt over 100 years ago. Teddy bears are still sold today but they have changed a lot over the years.

New teddy bears are much softer and have more fur. They come in more colours whereas older teddies usually came in brown or golden brown. These days there are even outfits you can buy to dress your teddy!

Lego

Lego was invented by a man from Denmark. He was a carpenter and he was struggling to make enough money. He tried to make some wooden toys to sell but they didn't sell very well. After some time, he bought a machine that could make plastic parts. He started to do very well and his toys sold. He named his company 'Lego' which is from Danish words meaning 'Play Well'. He started to make plastic bricks to build things with.

Today, Lego is still very popular but it has changed a lot. There are more choices of colours and sizes and people can buy many different Lego sets to build amazing buildings, people and settings.

Computers

Computers have been around for quite a long time but they have changed a lot. Many people have a computer, laptop or tablet nowadays but in the past, this wouldn't be the case. Did you know that the internet (World Wide Web) wasn't even available to homes until the 1990s?

Did you know that computers played a big part in finding out secrets in World War Two? Old computers were often very big. They have got smaller and many can now be carried very easily, for example a laptop or a tablet.

Nowadays, computers have many more choices of games so many people see their computer as a toy. They are also very important for people to use in many jobs.

Information is closer than you think!

If you would like to find out more about toys from the past, a good source of information would be your relatives. You could



ask them what they used to play with and what their favourite toy was.

What toys do you think will be invented by the time you're an adult?

