



Best toys

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The best toys and games in the world

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Fact File

Toys!

Fact! The oldest toys found are thousands of years old!

They include dolls, soldiers and animal figurines. Whistles and toy carts have also been discovered. The oldest toys were made out of materials found in nature such as rocks, wood and clay.



Fact! In the past most children spent long hours studying, doing chores or even had a full-time job. This meant they had very little time to play.

Fact! For much of the past, children only had one or two toys and they were very precious. How many toys do you have?

Fact! Children in the past were expected to act and even dress like their parents. Look at this picture of a young boy.

Would children wear clothes like this today?

Would it be easy to play games in clothes like these?



Traditional and modern toys!

Look at the difference between these traditional and modern toys.

Do children from the past, or children from today have more fun? Which children value their toys the most?



Wordsearch

The Best Toys of All Time

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Words to find are

Transformers
Rubikscube
Lego
Playdoh

VideoGame
Starwars
Doll
Barbie

Toy Car
Teddy
Slinky
MyLittlePony



Can you find all the words in this wordsearch? Words may run forwards, backwards, diagonally, and from top to bottom



Fact File Games!

Games are generally different from toys. They often end when a person or a team wins.



Games also have often have rules.

Some games rely on chance, some on brain power and some need physical strength and speed.



My favourite games are:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Draw your favourite game here.

Traditional and modern Games!



Look at these traditional and modern games.

Have games changed very much over time? Do we play the same games now? What differences are there?



GLoucester v. Cardiff



S. Dangerfield brings down R. Burn, the Cardiff wing three-pointer, after H. Sutton has tackled J. Matthews, in the match between Gloucester and Cardiff at Birmingham. On the right is J. Phillips, Cardiff forward.



Spot the game



Children's Games by Pieter Bruegel in 1560

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Can you find children:

Playing tiddlywinks

Playing with dolls

Doing a handstand

Walking on stilts

Playing hoops

Swimming

Blowing up a pigs bladder to make a football

Wearing a mask

Striking a poo with a stick

Playing Leapfrog

Riding on a fence



There are thought to be 80 different types of games being played in this painting.



Fact File

Board games!

Board games have been popular throughout human history.



Some games cost a lot to make and involve a lot of components, such as counters, cards and dice. This is the Royal Game of Ur and it is thousands of years old. It would have taken a long time to make and cost a lot to buy.

The person who owned this would have treasured it and that is probably why it has survived so long.

Monopoly is similar, relatively modern game with lots of pieces. It costs a lot less than the Royal Game of Ur would have!

Other board games are very simple and cost nothing to make. In the past, many games were scratched into a table top or drawn in the sand. Counters could be made from whatever was lying around, from pebbles to acorns to bottle tops! At Gloucester Cathedral, there is a board for the ancient game 'Fox and Geese' scratched into a seat. It was created hundreds of years ago, possibly by a young monk who was bored in a service!



Design your own board game



What is the name of your game?

What materials will you use to make it?

Will it be played by 1 person, 2 people or more?



What is the aim of the game? For example, to make the most money, to collect all the pieces, to get to the finish first?

What are the rules? If you are stuck, think about the games you like to play. Use the bits you like in your own game.



Design and make your game

Create your own Oral History



An oral history is when a person talks about events from their life to an interviewer who records what they say.

The recording can be done by writing it down, or by saving an audio or video file.

Oral histories are very important to archives because they give a first-hand account of how people lived.

Interview an older relative, friend or neighbour – or even your teacher - about the toys and games they used to play with when they were children.

You will probably find that they enjoy telling you about this and have lots of memories to share.

It is useful to start your question with something like ‘Tell me about....’ as this encourages people to share their memories.



Questions you could ask

Tell me about the playground games you played at school?	
Did boys and girls like different toys?	
If you had a teddy or another kind of cuddly toy, could you describe it to me....	

Gloucestershire Archives would love to have your oral histories here at the archives, however you have recorded them. Please send them into us for future generations.

Make your own Fortune Teller



How to make your Fortune Teller

1. Cut out your Fortune Teller square
2. Fold the square into quarters (where marked 1 and 2)
3. Unfold the paper, so you get a square again, with creases
4. Turn the square over, so you are looking at a blank square.
5. Take each corner of the square and fold it upwards, so that you are bringing the coloured squares together in the middle, facing you.
6. Turn the square over again, so the coloured squares are now face down
7. Take each corner again, folding upwards, so that, with each corner, two triangles are brought together into the middle.
8. Turn the square over again. You should be looking at 4 squares, each a different colour.
9. Fold the square into quarters again,
10. put your thumb and pointing finger just underneath each coloured square, and move them in opposite directions to make the Fortune Teller open and close in different directions.

How to play your Fortune Teller

1. Pick a colour. Spell out the colours with a pinching and pulling motion to reveal a set of four numbers
2. Pick a number and move the Fortune Teller the corresponding number of times, to reveal a second set of numbers
3. Choose a flap to open and reveal your fortune.





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What's your favorite color?

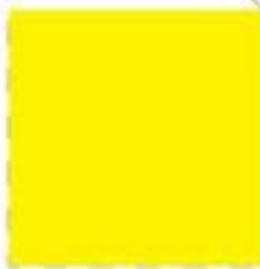


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What's the last book you read?

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What kind of music do you like?



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What's your favorite Movie?

6

What's your favorite holiday?



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Do you like Turtles?

4

Cats or Dogs?

Chocolate or Vanilla?

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