

History - Toy Town

Key Vocabulary

Toys	favourite, manual, wooden, technological.
Time	today, yesterday, 21 st century, century, modern, old, new, past, now, present.
Victorian	The time of Queen Victoria's reign. 1837-1901.
20th century	The 20 th century was 1900-1999.
21st century	We are in the 21 st century. It started in the year 2000 and will end in 2099.
Wooden toys	Toys can and were more likely made from wood.
Paper toys	Some toys were made from paper.
Plastic toys	More modern toys are made from plastic.
Mechanical	Toys which move with mechanical operation.

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 during the Victorian age?

Toys were mainly made of wood, paper and metal during the Victorian age.

What toys did Victorian children play with?

Rich Victorian 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 safer and easier to make things with.

How are modern toys different?

Many modern toys use electricity to work. Computers and consoles were invented in the 20th century.

Differences: Past and Present



Old toys were often made out of wood.



Modern (new) toys are often made out of plastic.



Old toys were mechanical or moved by hand.



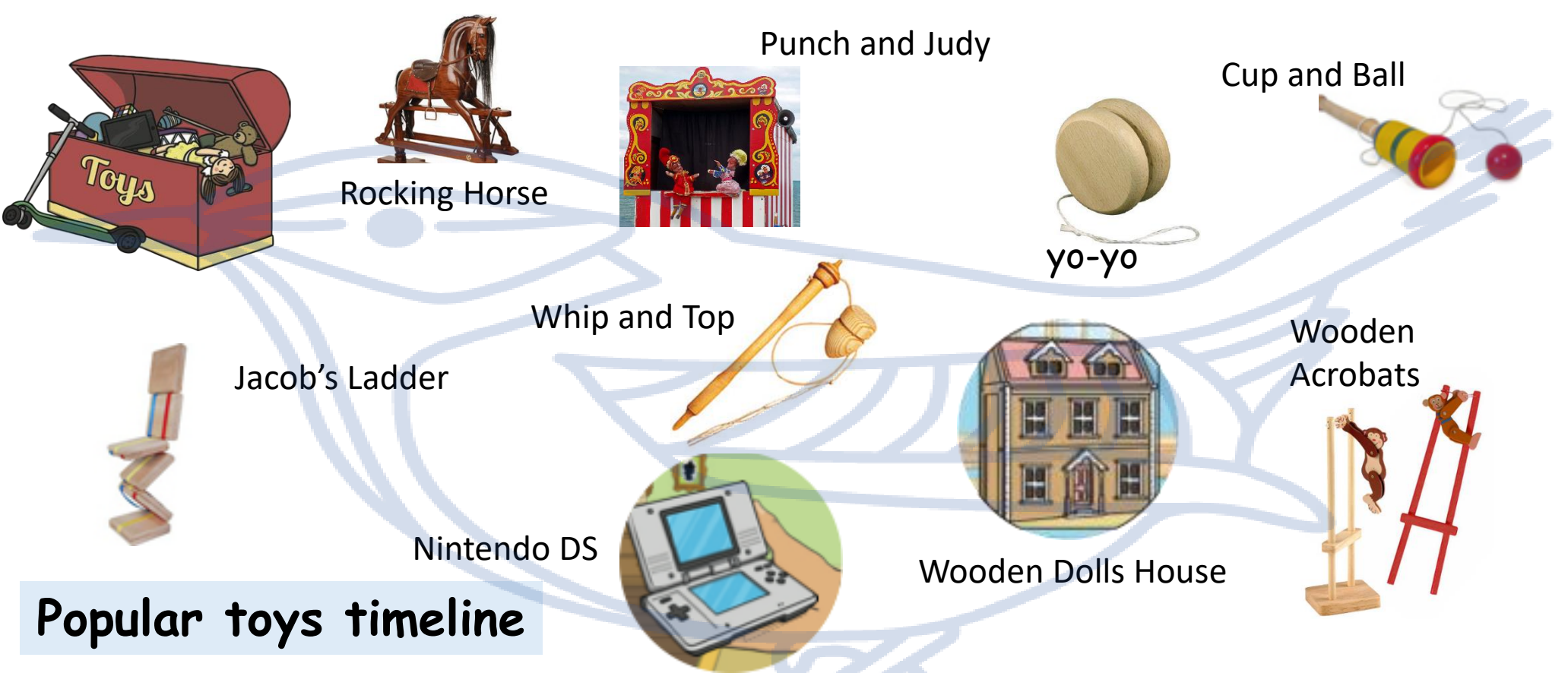
Modern toys often use batteries.














Old toys were often made by hand



Modern (new) toys are usually made by machines.



1800s	1902	1903	1949	1959	1983	1989	2001	2006	2016	2018
										
Toy Soldiers	Teddy Bears	Wax Crayons	Lego Blocks	Barbie Doll	Polly Pocket	Gameboy	Bratz Dolls	Nintendo Wii	Hatchimals	Fingerlings