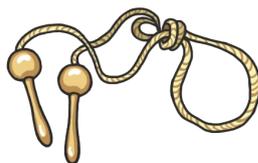


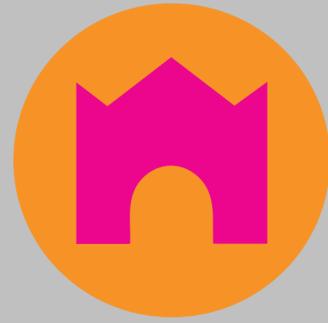
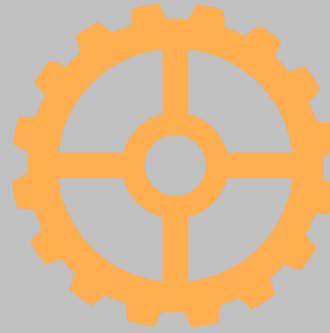
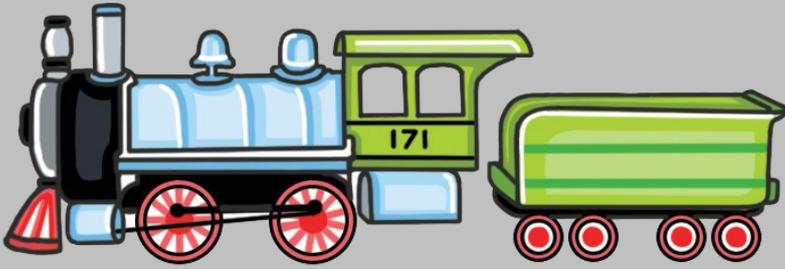
LIVING IN THE PAST. TOYS

In Victorian times even children from richer families didn't have as many toys as children do today because it took a lot of time to make the toys by hand, which made them very expensive to buy. In late Victorian times the industrial revolution took place. This meant that toys could now be produced in factories, meaning that they could be made quicker, which made them cheaper to buy. To this day our toys are mostly made by machines in factories. Many of the toys we play with today were around in Victorian times including yoyos, diabolos, marbles, card games like happy families and board games such as chess and snakes and ladders to name but a few. Which of your toys do you think Victorian children might have played with over 100 years ago?

Everyone loves toys! And nowadays there is no limit to the types of toys and games that you can buy. Toys that you can build, toys that help you build your imagination. Toys today are often made from plastic which is bright and colourful, strong and hard-wearing, and waterproof which means it's easy to keep clean. Lots of today's toys use batteries to move, make sounds or light up. Electronic games on tablets and mobile phones are also hugely popular. These have to be plugged into mains electricity to charge them up. Lots of toys are based on characters from children's TV programmes and films.

We buy toys in toy shops, supermarkets and grocery shops, we get toys free on the cover of magazines and comics, and some fast food outlets even give toys away with their children's meals. We can buy toys online on a computer, tablet or mobile phone without leaving home. But it wasn't always like this. In Victorian times plastic hadn't been invented, and houses did not have electricity or television, so toys were very different to today.





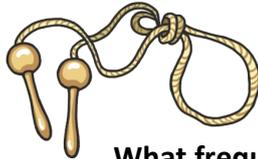
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How good is your Toy knowledge? Watch the 'Toy's' short film and see if you can answer the 20 questions. What have you found out about toys, Charlie and Mr Samuel Taylor Morris?



Can you list 3 places you can buy toys from today?

What material was mainly used when making Victorian dolls faces?



What frequently used material is used when making toys today?



What is the name of the toy maker in our short film?



List 2 typical Victorian toys for a boy.

Why did children not have many toys in Victorian times?
Why did poor children not have many toys at all?



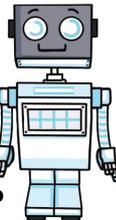
What present does Charlie mention he received for his birthday?



What does Charlie love to go and do?



List 2 typical Victorian toys for a girl.



Which of your toys do you think Victorian children might have played with over 100 years ago?

What is your favourite toy? Why? Write down 3 different facts and do a drawing if you want.

Why did the Industrial Revolution change things when it came to making toys?



What did Charlie's cousin give him?

How old is Charlie?



Was there a reason why children played with certain toys in Victorian times? Why did girls play with dolls and prams and boys with guns and train sets?

What toy making material had not been invented in Victorian times?

What game would Charlie play that you only need a stone for?



Why does Charlie dream of having toys like the ones in the window?

What was the only toy children could play with on Sundays in Victorian times?

List 2 Victorian moving toys.

