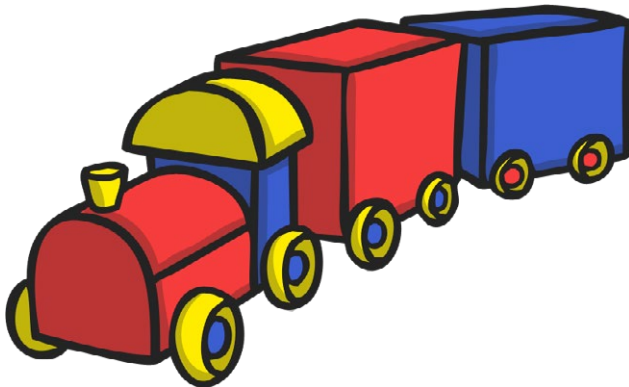


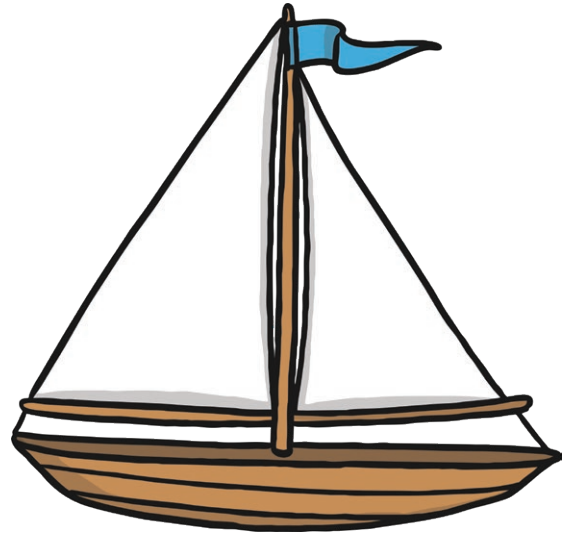
1800s - Rich family



Children from rich families played with train sets, tea sets, dolls and toy soldiers.

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1800s - Poor family



Children from poor families played with homemade toys such as ragdolls and wooden boats.

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1902



In Germany, Richard Steiff based one of his toy designs on a bear he saw at the zoo. In 1902, the Steiff Company started making teddy bears.

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1903



Binney and Smith made a set of 8 wax crayons in 1903. Binney's wife named them Crayola.

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1907



The name Meccano was introduced and the first Meccano factory opened in Liverpool.

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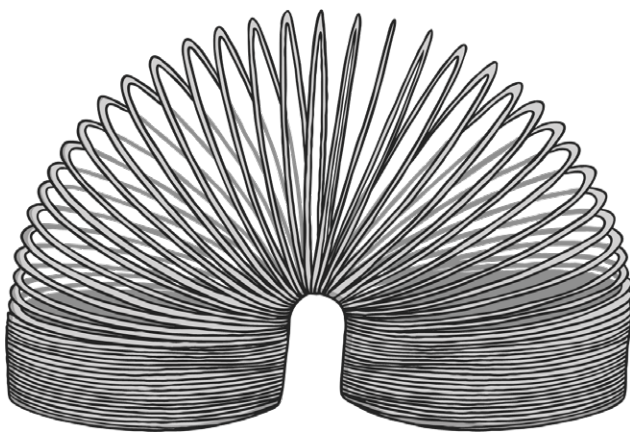
1934 - 1949



Ole Kirk Christiansen called his toy company 'Lego' in 1939. The plastic blocks were made in 1949.

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1943



Richard James invented the slinky in 1943. It performed tricks such as walking down the stairs.

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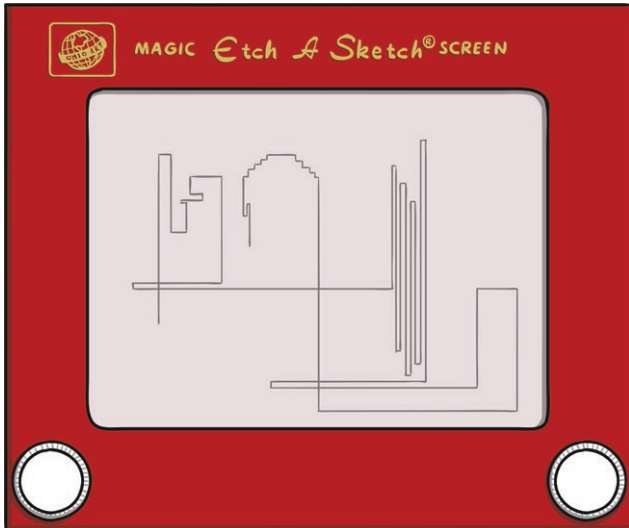
1959



Ruth Handler invented the Barbie doll in 1959. She named the doll after her daughter, Barbara.

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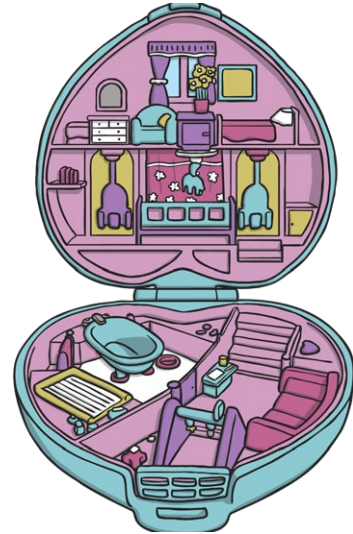
1959



The Etch a Sketch was invented by Andre Cassagnes in 1959 and was introduced in the 1960s.

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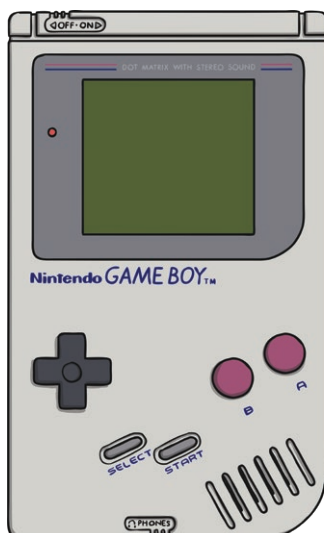
1983



Chris Wiggs invented Polly Pocket for his daughter in 1983. They first appeared in shops in 1989.

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1989



The first Game Boy was developed by Nintendo and was released in Japan in 1989.

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1991



Dream Phone was an electronic board game that first came out in 1991.

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1993



Beanie Babies were produced by Ty Warner in 1993.

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1995



A Buzz Lightyear action figure was introduced by Thinkway Toys in 1995.

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1996



The Tamagotchi was invented in 1996 in Japan. It is a handheld digital pet.

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1996



Tickle Me Elmo was introduced in 1996 and was invented by Ron Dubren.

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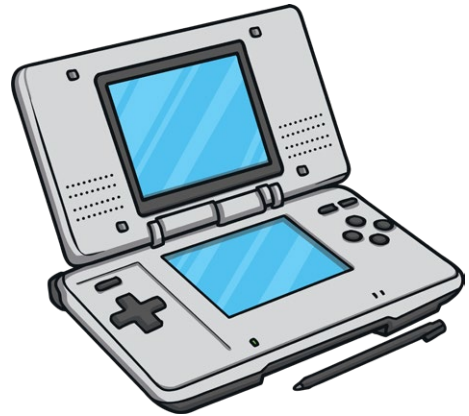
2001



Bratz Dolls were invented in 2001 by MGA Entertainment.

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2004



The Nintendo DS was developed by Nintendo in 2004 and had two screens.

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2011



The Rainbow Loom was invented in 2011 by Cheong Choon Ng.

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2016



Hatchimals were introduced in 2016 by Spin Master Ltd.

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