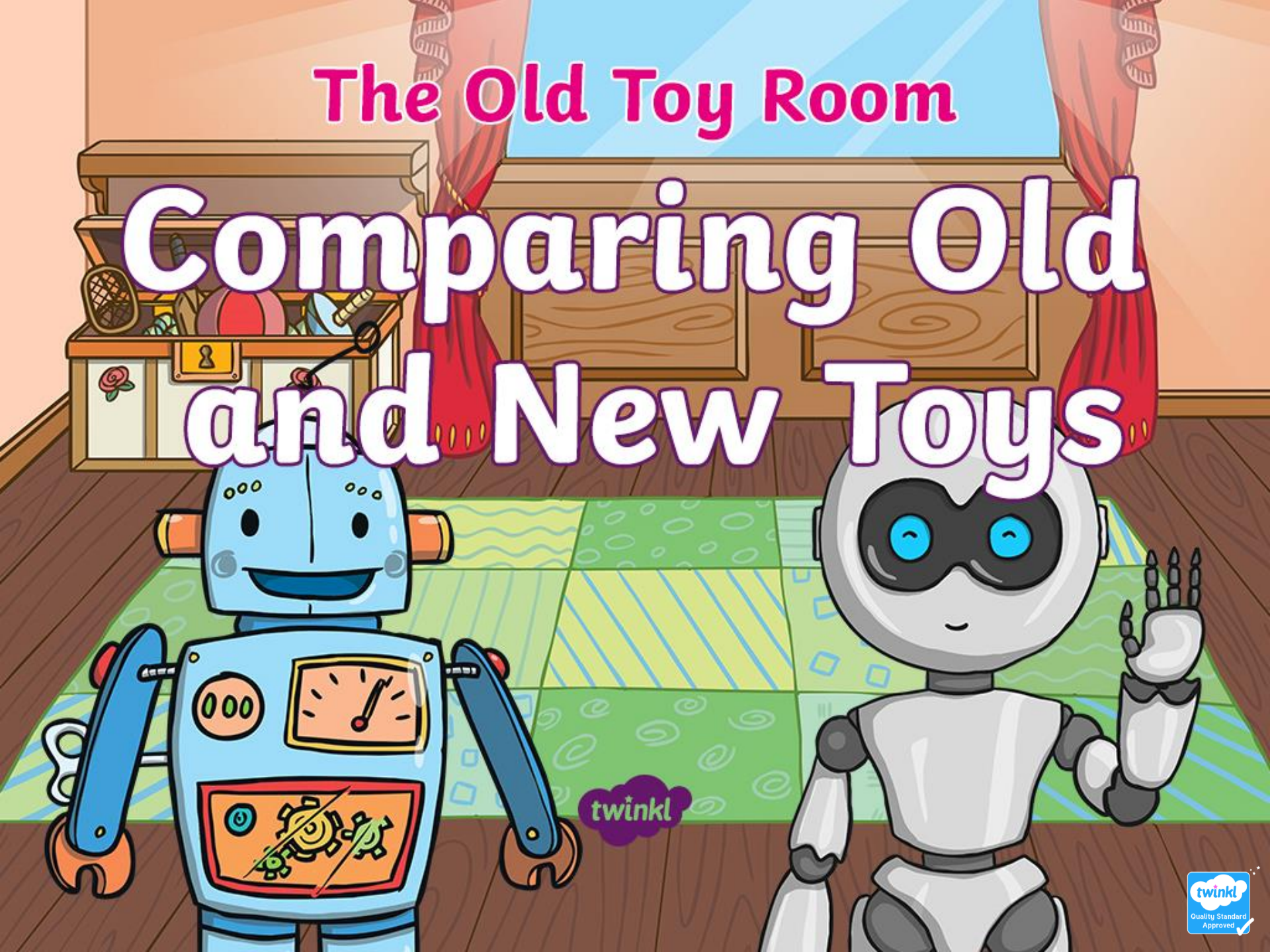
The Old Toy Room

Comparing Old and New Toys



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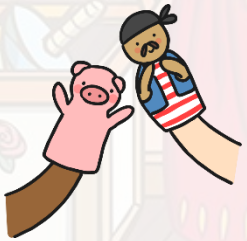
New Toys

There are lots of different toys in the world. Can you name any?

doll



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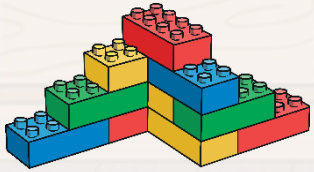
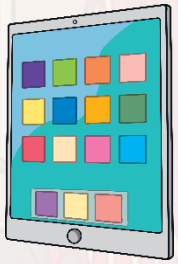


building bricks

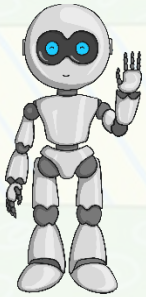
figures



tablet

games console

cuddly toy



electronic toy

bike

football

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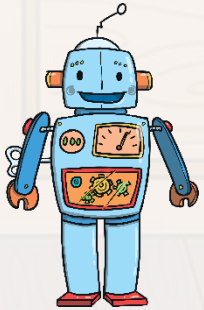
Old Toys

Can you name any old toys?

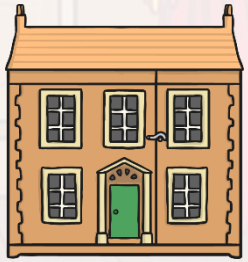
rocking horse

ragdoll

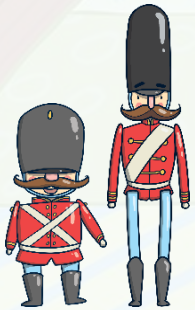
train set



tin robot

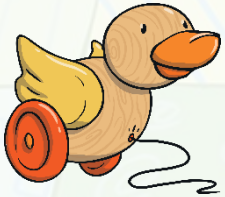


doll's house



toy soldiers

teddy bear



pull-along toy

marbles

spinning top

roly-poly toy

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What Are the Differences?

Old and new toys have lots of differences. Can you think of any?

What are they made from?

How are they made?

How do they move?

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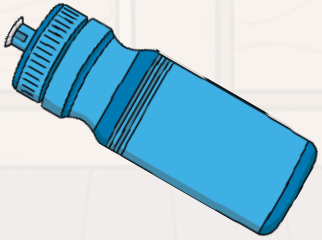
What Are They Made From?

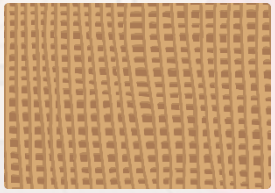
Old and new toys are usually made from different materials.
Can you name any materials?

wood

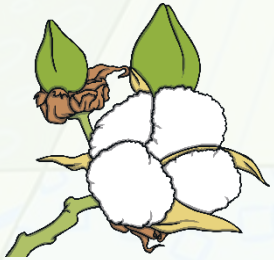
metal



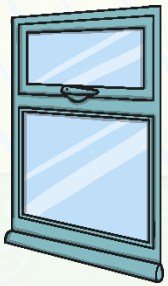
plastic



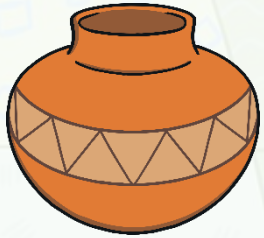
fabric



cotton



glass



ceramic

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What Are They Made From?

Old toys were usually made from materials such as wood, metal, glass and fabric.

New toys are usually made from plastic.

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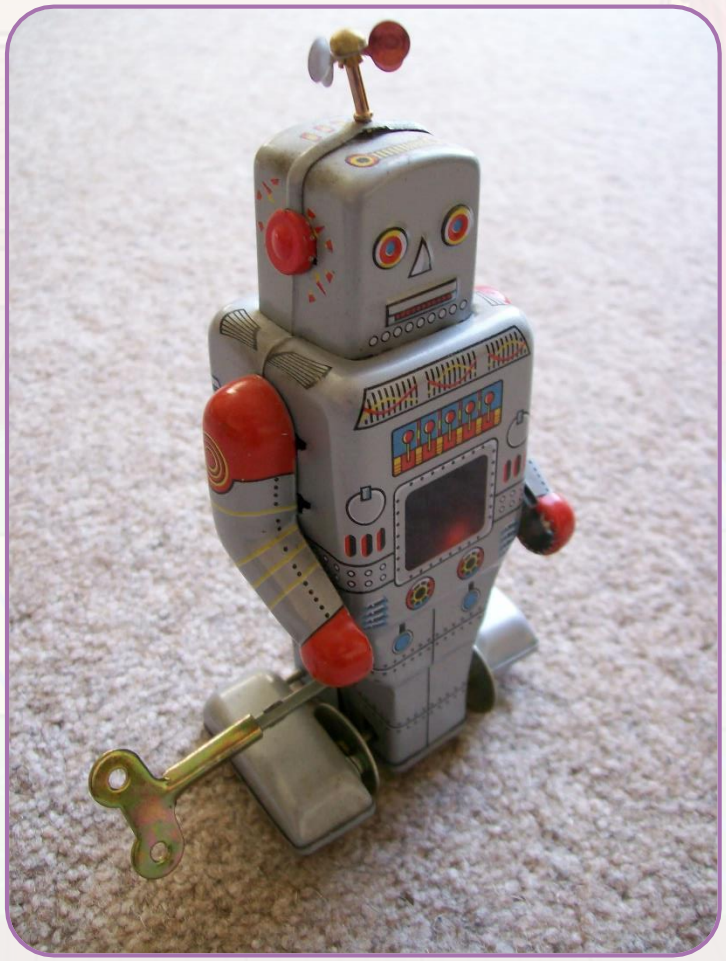
How Do They Move?

Lots of old and new toys can move in some way. They may even make sounds.

Many old toys moved by clockwork or 'wind-up'. This was usually a small metal key which attached to the toy and you turned lots of times. This would make small wheels (or gears) inside the toy turn and make the toy move.



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How Do They Move?

Many new toys use electricity or batteries to move, make noise or light up.

These toys may have lots of different parts, made from lots of different materials.

A tablet computer has a glass screen, a plastic cover and metal parts inside to make the electric parts work.

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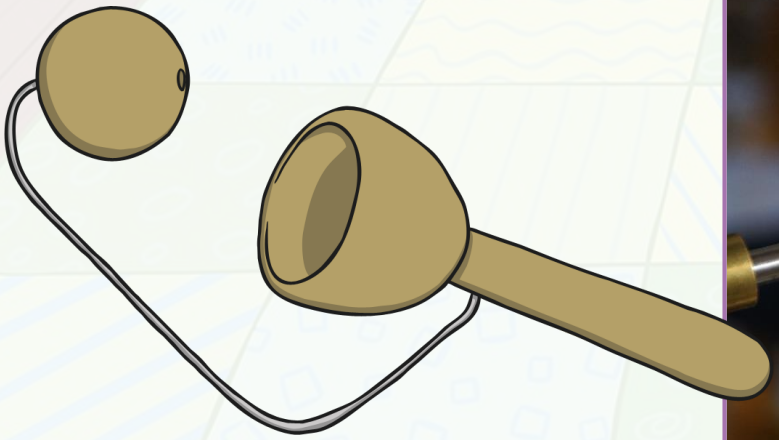
How Are They Made?

Old toys were made differently to how toys are made today.

Lots of old toys were made from wood. These toys were all handmade. This meant that they took a long time and cost a lot of money to make. It also meant that fewer toys could be made.



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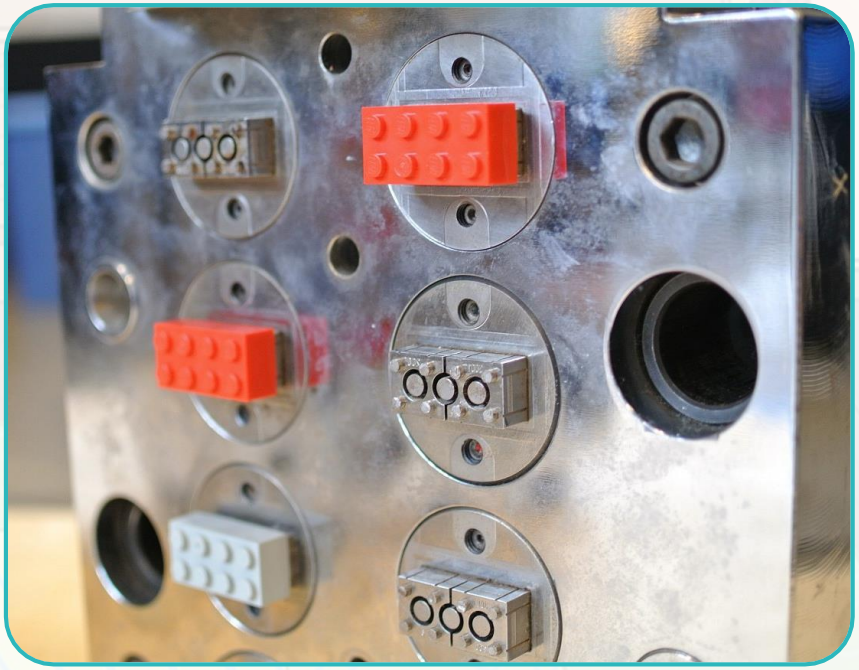
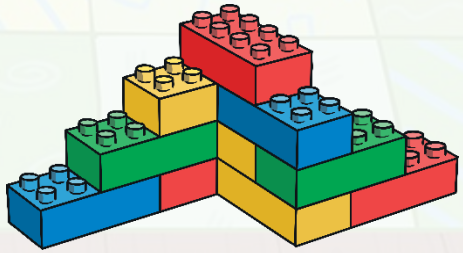
How Are They Made?

Lots of new toys are made from plastic.

Plastic is much cheaper to use. It can be melted and poured into moulds so lots of toys can be made at the same time. This makes the toys much quicker to make too.

Toys are mostly made by machines in factories now.





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Old or New?

Can you work out which of these toys are old and which ones are new?

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