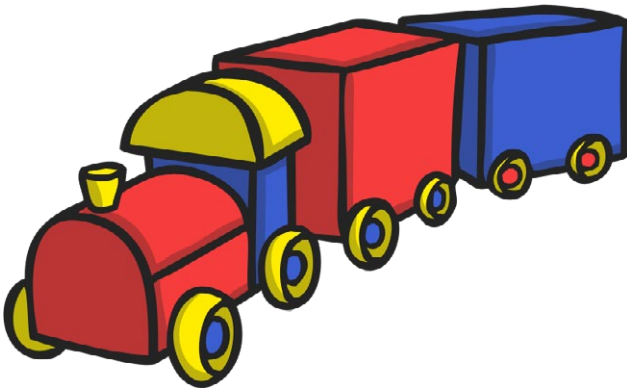


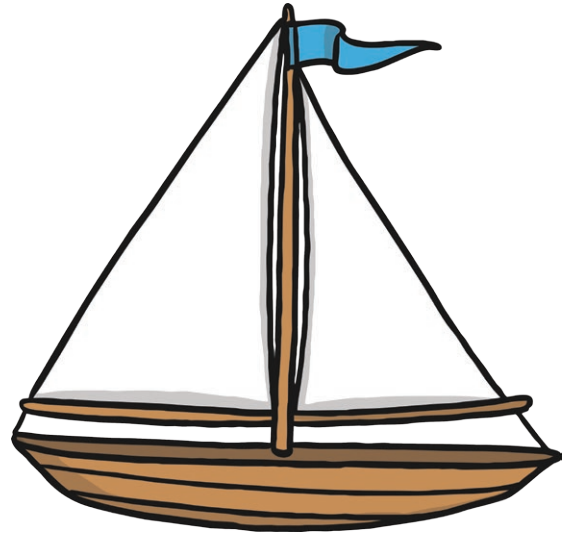
1800s - Rich family



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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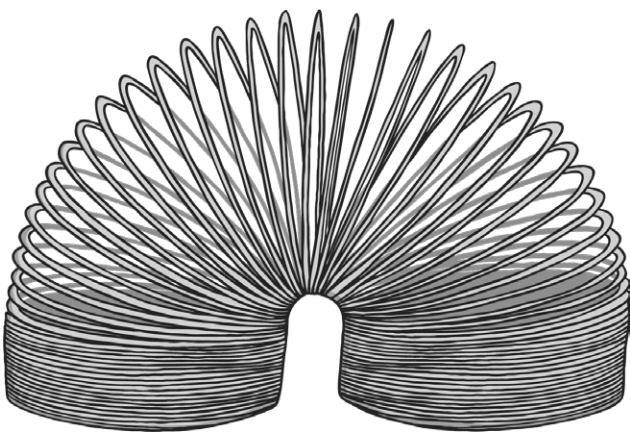
1934 - 1949



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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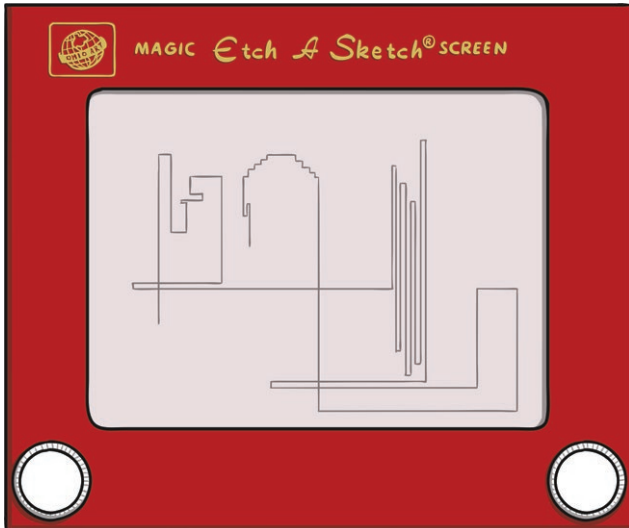
1959



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

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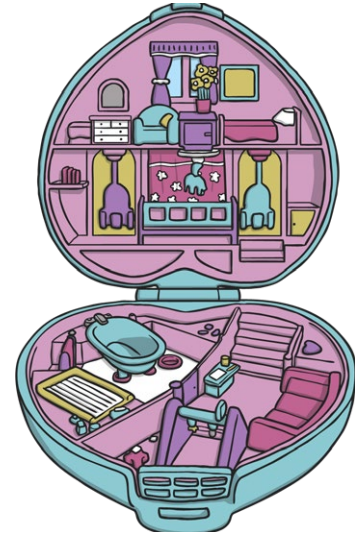
1959



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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1983



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

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