

Toys



People have been playing with spinning tops for thousands of years. Ancient Greeks and Egyptians played with tops made from clay or wood.

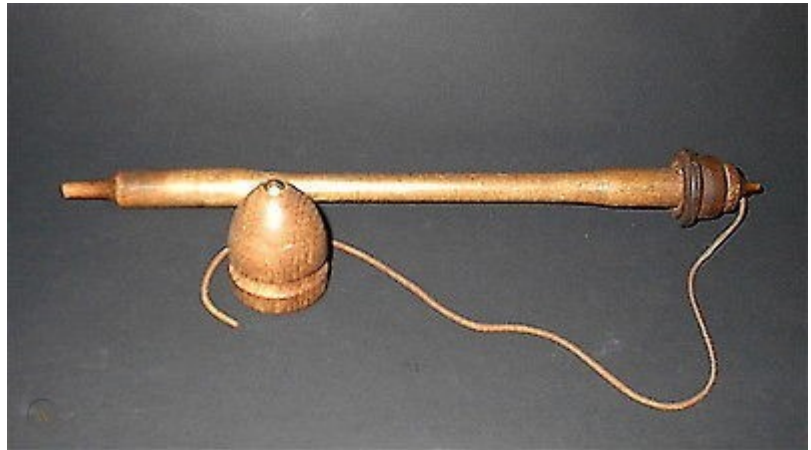
This one is made from clay.

The middle one is from 150 years ago.

The four plastic ones are from 2021.

If you look at the picture at the bottom, you can see some children playing with spinning tops.

They are trying to knock the other person's top out of the circle.



Balls

Balls are one of the oldest toys ever played with.

They were made with whatever people could find. The bladder of a pig or sheep blown up and tied made a light ball that could be played with for about a week.



Balls could be made from leather. These were heavy and hard wearing. Or made from wood or sewn from cloth.

You can see some children playing a bowling game with wooden balls.



Dolls



Dolls have been made for thousands of years. This doll is carved from bones from a cow. She was made in Roman London.

Some poorer people have had dolls made from wool or sewn from cloth. These rag dolls usually wear out

For many years the dolls that most children had were made from wood. These were not expensive and had working arms and legs.

Today most dolls are made from plastic and they do not wear out, although their clothes do.

Below we can see a child playing with dolls. This little girl was painted 450 years ago.

