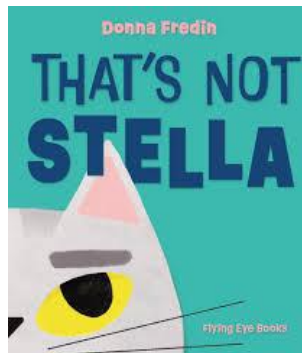
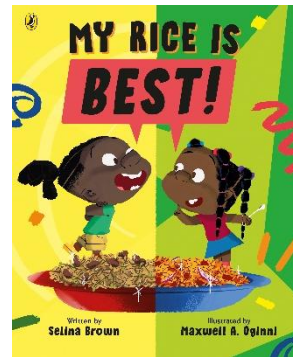
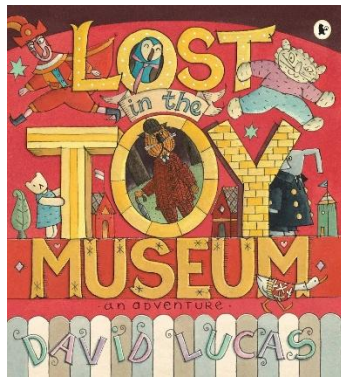


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History - Toys



action figure



rocking horse



blocks



building bricks



clockwork train set



doll



game console



handheld game console



doll house



wooden boat



teddy bear



toy soldier

History - Toys of the Past

Key Vocabulary	
Victorian	The time of Queen Victoria's reign. 1837-1901.
20th century	The 20th century was 1900-1999.
21st century	We are in the 21st century . It started in the year 2000 and will end in 2099.
wooden toys	Lots of toys were made of wood. Boats, train sets and cup and ball were all made of wood. Some toys are still made of wood.
paper toys	Some toys, like paper windmills, were made out of paper.
metal toys	Toy soldiers and some spinning tops were made out of metal.
plastic toys	Most modern toys are made of plastic. Toy soldiers, dolls and ride-on cars are usually made of plastic.
modern	Things made now or recently.
the past	Objects and things that happened before now.

Key Facts	
How long have toys existed?	Toys have existed for thousands of years. They were made out of the materials that were available at the time. Even stones and string have been made into toys.
What were toys made of during the Victorian age?	Toys were mainly made of wood, paper and metal during the Victorian age.
What toys did Victorian children play with?	Rich Victorian children played with toys such as clockwork trains, rocking horses, tea sets and dolls. Poorer children played with homemade toys such as peg dolls, wooden boats and rags stuffed with sawdust to make balls or toy animals.
What are modern toys made of?	Modern toys are mainly made of plastic. This is because it is usually safer and easier to make things with.
How are modern toys different?	Many modern toys use electricity to work. Computers and consoles were invented in the 20th century .

19th century

Toys: wooden dolls, wooden doll houses, tea sets, ball and cup, spinning top, toys soldiers, leather footballs.



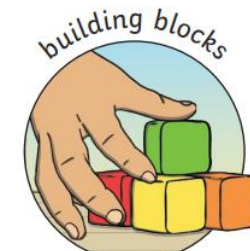
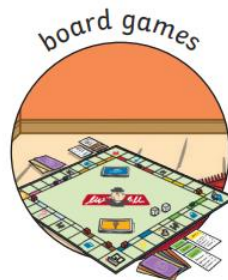
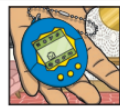
21st century

Toys: handheld games consoles, virtual reality.



20th century

Toys: teddy bears, Barbie dolls, Action Man, electronic toys, computers, games consoles.




Science - Materials

Key Vocabulary	
strong	Strong materials do not change shape or break easily.
flexible	Flexible materials can bend easily without breaking.
breakable	Breakable materials can break easily.
brittle	Brittle materials are often hard and rigid . They can break easily, for example when bent .
rigid	Rigid materials do not bend easily.
tough	Tough materials do not break or crack easily.
translucent	If a material is translucent , some light passes through it. You might be able to see through the material but not clearly.

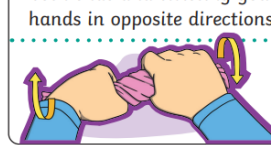
Key Knowledge

Some **materials** can change shape when you squash, bend, twist or stretch them. **Materials** that are soft, bendy or stretchy are often easier to change the shape of than **materials** that are hard, **rigid** or **strong**.

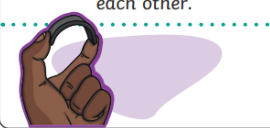
Squash an object by pressing on it.




Twist an object by holding both ends and twisting your hands in opposite directions.

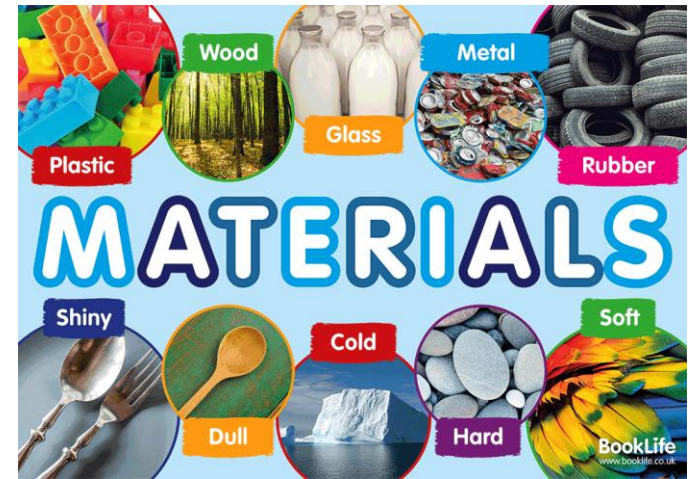


Bend an object by trying to bring both ends towards each other.



Stretch an object by holding both ends and pulling your hands apart slowly and gently.





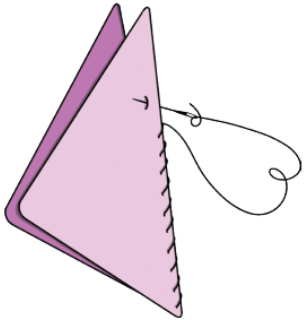
Key Vocabulary	
material	A material is what something is made of, such as wood or plastic.
suitability	Suitability means having the right properties for a certain use.
properties	The properties of a material tell us what it is like and how it behaves, such as whether it is soft, rough or transparent.



DT - Sewing

Making Words

fasten
finish
join
print
sew
stitch
thread
weave



Materials

cotton
denim
fabric
felt
linen
ribbon
silk
wool
zip



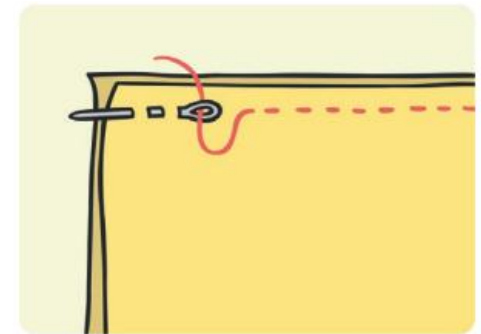
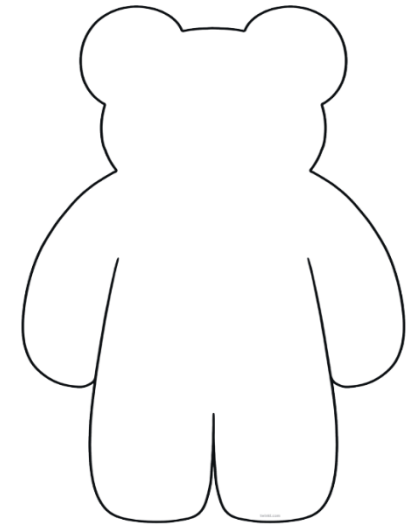
Tools

buttons
fastening
hook-and-eye
needle
pin
ruler
scissors
tape measure
thread



Process

design
evaluate
improve
make
model
plan
product
test



running stitch

