

23) Read and complete the table.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Games through the ages

One of the oldest games that we know about is senet, a board game that Ancient Egyptians used to play. It was a game for two people, which was played with counters on a board of 30 squares with sticks. The aim was to move the counters across the board as quickly as possible. A painting of the game was found in the tomb of Hesy, which dates back to 2686 BCE.

Wooden building blocks were first made in large numbers in the 1820s in the USA. The first plastic building blocks appeared in 1949 and they continue to be one of the most popular toys in the world. This is because they help to make children's fingers and hands strong and teach them about different shapes. Also, children can be creative with building blocks and make their own designs.

Video games first appeared in the 1950s, and became really popular in the 1970s and 1980s. Since then, they have developed very quickly with Internet games in the 1990s and mobile app games in the 2000s. Some scientists believe that computer games can be educational, but others think that they are harmful to children's brains.

| Event | Date |
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| 1 Senet was played in Egypt. | 2686 BCE |
| 2 Wooden building blocks were made in large numbers. | |
| 3 The first plastic building blocks were made. | |
| 4 The first video game was made. | |
| 5 Internet games first appeared. | |
| 6 Mobile app games first appeared. | |

24) Answer the questions.

1 How many people used to play senet at one time?

Two

3 What was the aim of senet?

5 What do scientists think computer games do to children's brains?

2 How many squares did there use to be on a senet board?

4 Why are building blocks good for children?

- 23 Read. Which late 20th century toy was one of the most popular toys?

TOYS THROUGH THE AGES

In London, there is a Museum of Childhood. It's a very interesting place because you can learn all about toys that children used to play with in the past and when different toys were invented. This timeline shows the history of popular toys.

Ancient times

5,000 years ago

Stone marbles are first used in Egypt.

4,000 years ago

Egyptians make the first dolls from string, fabric and paper.

3,000 years ago

Kites appear in China for the first time.

1,500 years ago

1 An early version of chess is first played in India.

Since the 18th century

1760s

2 Jigsaw puzzles are invented in England.



1840s

Dolls become popular in the USA.

1880s

3 Stuffed toys are created in Germany.



1900s

Crayons become popular.

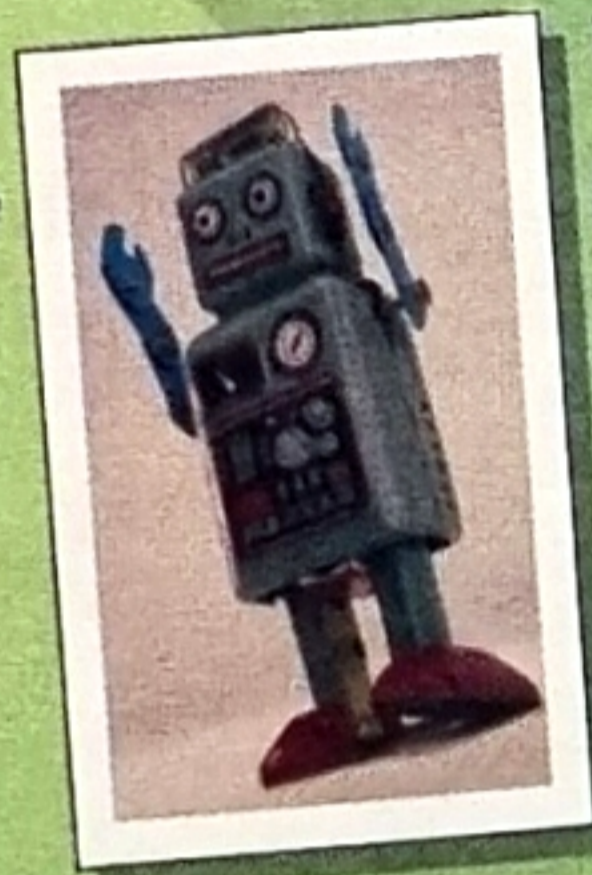


1910s

4 The first rubber toy balloons appear.

1920s

Yo-yos are created.



1940s

Battery-operated toys become popular with the robot in Japan.

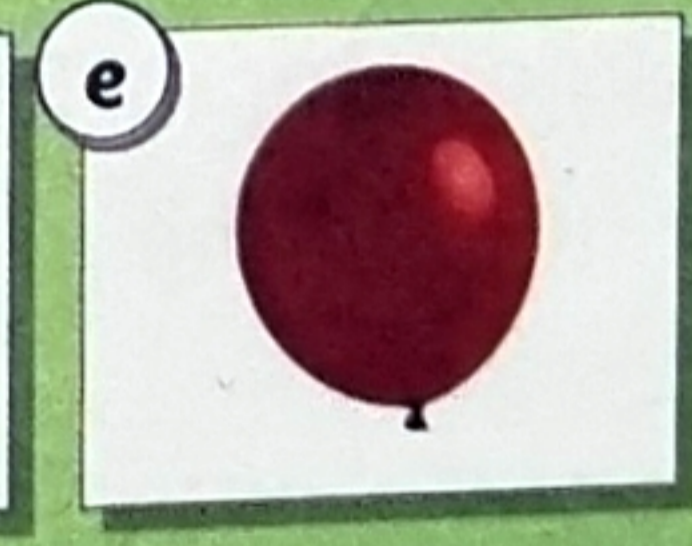
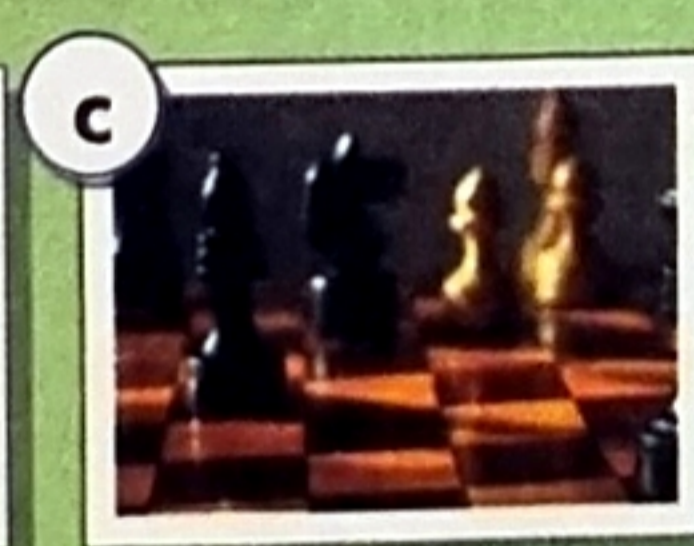
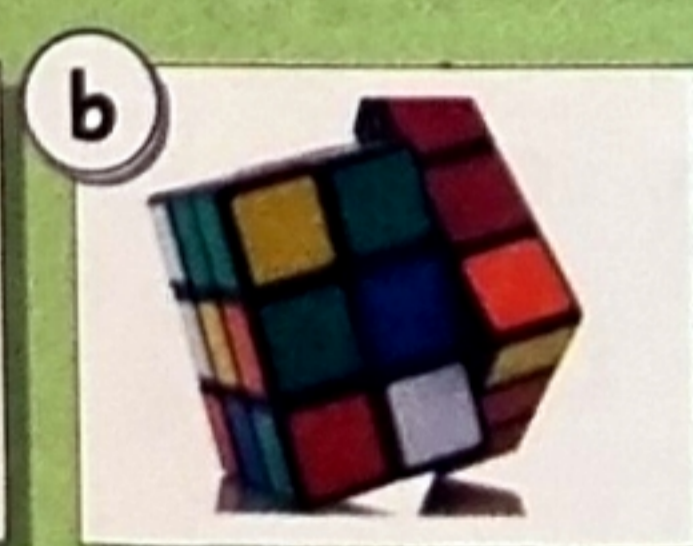
1980s

5 A magic cube is one of the world's best-selling toys.

2000s

Hi-tech educational toys which work with the Internet become popular.

- 24 Match the toys and games to the timeline in Activity 23.



- 25 Read And say *True*, *False* or *I don't know*.

- 1 Dolls first appeared in Egypt.
- 2 Chess was invented in China.
- 3 Jigsaw puzzles were invented in the 18th century.
- 4 The first toy balloons came from Germany.
- 5 Battery-operated toys became popular in the 1950s.
- 6 A hi-tech toy was the best-selling toy of 2014.

MINI-PROJECT

Do a class survey to find out about your classmates' favourite toys and games.