

Nature's Playthings: A Toy History Quiz

Toy History · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. What natural material, from a large marine mammal, was historically used to make beautiful and durable carvings for toys?

- A) Seashells
- B) Whalebone**
- C) Coral
- D) Seaweed

2. Many ancient toys were made from wood. Which of these is a common type of wood that has been used for carving toys for centuries?

- A) Cacti
- B) Bamboo
- C) Oak**
- D) Ferns

3. Before plastic, what common insect product was often used to create colorful and moldable toys?

- A) Spider silk
- B) Ant eggs
- C) Beeswax**
- D) Ladybug shells

4. What small, hard seeds from certain plants have been used for centuries to create simple beaded toys and decorations?

- A) Acorns**
- B) Pebbles
- C) Cones
- D) Berries

5. What common farm animal's hair was historically spun into yarn for making stuffed toys and doll clothes?

- A) Chicken
- B) Sheep**
- C) Horse
- D) Pig

6. What naturally occurring, colorful mineral was sometimes used to make marbles for children's games?

- A) Sand
- B) Clay**
- C) Salt
- D) Coal

7. What kind of animal leg bone was often used in ancient times to make whistles that children played with?

- A) Bird**
- B) Fish
- C) Dog
- D) Cat

8. What natural material, obtained from trees, was a popular choice for making dolls and toy figures due to its light weight and ease of carving?

- A) Bark**
- B) Leaves
- C) Pith
- D) Roots

9. What type of natural, fibrous material from a plant was used to stuff toys, making them soft and cuddly?

- A) Moss
- B) Cotton**
- C) Hay
- D) Dirt

10. What animal product, when dried and cleaned, was used to make toy drums in many cultures?

- A) Feathers
- B) Scales
- C) Hides**
- D) Claws

11. What common natural object, often found on the beach, was used by children to make simple boats and figures?

- A) Sea sponges
- B) Driftwood**
- C) Sea urchins
- D) Starfish

12. What type of animal shell, often colorful and found on the seashore, was sometimes used as a small container or even a toy by children?

- A) Snail shell**
- B) Oyster shell
- C) Clam shell
- D) Scallop shell

13. What type of smooth, round object found in riverbeds and on beaches was a favorite for children to play with, often painted or decorated?

- A) Bones
- B) Pebbles**
- C) Seeds
- D) Twigs

14. What part of a plant, when dried and hollow, was historically used to make simple flutes or horns for children?

- A) Leaves
- B) Stems**
- C) Petals
- D) Roots

15. What common material, harvested from the earth, was shaped and fired to create durable toy animals and figures for children?

- A) Sand
- B) Clay**
- C) Salt
- D) Gravel

16. What common natural item, often shed by birds, was used to create soft, light toys or decorations for children?

- A) Eggshells
- B) Feathers**
- C) Talons
- D) Beaks

17. What material, derived from trees and known for its flexibility and strength, was used to make toy bows and arrows?

- A) Bark
- B) Wood**
- C) Leaves
- D) Roots

18. What natural, often colorful, and textured material found on trees was used for weaving simple toys or dolls in some cultures?

- A) Moss
- B) Lichen
- C) Bark**
- D) Sap

19. What small, hard, and often round object, when dried, could be strung together to make necklaces or simple toys?

- A) Nuts**
- B) Pebbles
- C) Berries
- D) Acorns

20. What material, gathered from the sea, was sometimes used to make toy boats or rafts in coastal communities?

- A) Seaweed**
- B) Sand
- C) Shells
- D) Coral