

Toy History Trivia

Toy History · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. In what year was the first commercially successful teddy bear, named 'Ideal Toy Company's Teddy Bear', introduced to the market?

- A) 1901
- B) 1903**
- C) 1905
- D) 1907

2. The popular board game Monopoly was based on an earlier game called 'The Landlord's Game'. Who invented 'The Landlord's Game' in 1903?

- A) Charles Darrow
- B) Elizabeth Magie**
- C) Alfred Mosher Butts
- D) George S. Parker

3. The iconic Slinky was invented by Richard James in 1943. What was the original intended purpose of the Slinky?

- A) A stress-relief toy
- B) A visual aid for physics demonstrations
- C) To help stabilize sensitive instruments**
- D) A children's toy for imaginative play

4. When did the first LEGO brick patent officially expire, allowing other companies to produce similar interlocking bricks?

- A) 1958
- B) 1963**
- C) 1970
- D) 1977

5. The first commercially successful plastic toy soldier was introduced by which company in 1938?

- A) Britains Ltd.
- B) Timpo Toys
- C) Louis Marx and Company**
- D) Airfix

6. Which year saw the debut of the first Barbie doll, designed by Ruth Handler?

- A) 1957
- B) 1959**
- C) 1961
- D) 1963

7. The popular 'Operation' board game, where players try to remove ailments without setting off the buzzer, was first released by Milton Bradley in what year?

- A) 1962
- B) 1965
- C) 1968**
- D) 1971

8. The world's first mass-produced toy car, the 'Motor-Wheel', was introduced by which company in 1912?

- A) Dinky Toys
- B) Matchbox
- C) Meccano
- D) TootsieToy**

9. In what decade was the iconic 'Etch A Sketch' first introduced to the market?

- A) 1950s
- B) 1960s**
- C) 1970s
- D) 1980s

10. The Fisher-Price toy company was founded in 1930 by Herman Fisher, Irving Price, and what other co-founder?

- A) James G. Mattel
- B) Arthur K. Lovejoy
- C) George Lerner**
- D) Homer R. Wilson

11. What year did the board game 'Clue' (or 'Cluedo' outside North America) make its debut?

- A) 1943**
- B) 1947
- C) 1949
- D) 1953

12. The original 'Mr. Potato Head' toy, allowing children to assemble a potato with various features, was introduced in what year?

A) 1949

B) 1952

C) 1955

D) 1958

13. Which company, known for its die-cast toy cars, was founded by Leslie Smith and his son Rodney in 1947?

A) Corgi Toys

B) Hot Wheels

C) Matchbox

D) Lledo

14. The first commercially successful electronic game, 'Pong', was released by Atari in what year?

A) 1970

B) 1972

C) 1975

D) 1977

15. The iconic 'Erector Set', a construction toy featuring metal girders and nuts and bolts, was invented by A.C. Gilbert in what year?

A) 1901

B) 1907

C) 1913

D) 1920