

Toy History Trivia

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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