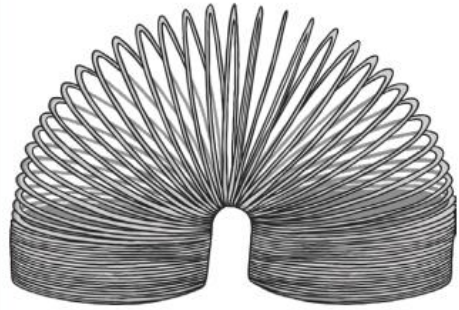


1902



In Germany, Richard Steiff based one of his toy designs on a bear he saw at the zoo. In 1902, the Steiff Company started making teddy bears.

1943



Richard James invented the slinky in 1943. It performed tricks such as walking down the stairs.

1959



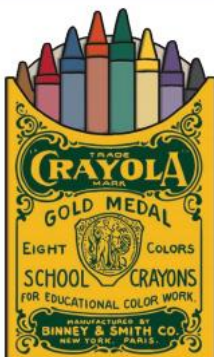
Ruth Handler invented the Barbie doll in 1959. She named the doll after her daughter, Barbara.

1907



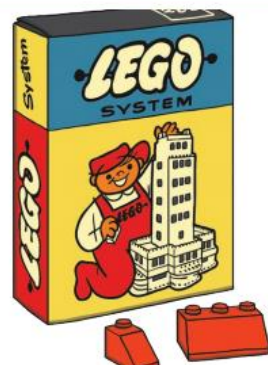
The name Meccano was introduced and the first Meccano factory opened in Liverpool.

1903



Binney and Smith made a set of 8 wax crayons in 1903. Binney's wife named them Crayola.

1934 - 1949



Ole Kirk Christiansen called his toy company 'Lego' in 1939. The plastic blocks were made in 1949.

1991



Dream Phone was an electronic board game that first came out in 1991.

1993



Beanie Babies were produced by Ty Warner in 1993.

1995



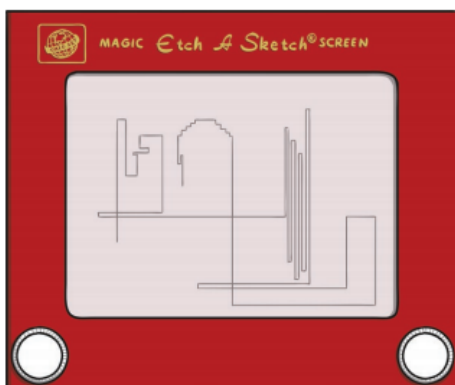
A Buzz Lightyear action figure was introduced by Thinkway Toys in 1995.

1983



Chris Wiggs invented Polly Pocket for his daughter in 1983. They first appeared in shops in 1989.

1959



The Etch a Sketch was invented by Andre Cassagnes in 1959 and was introduced in the 1960s.

1989



The first Game Boy was developed by Nintendo and was released in Japan in 1989.

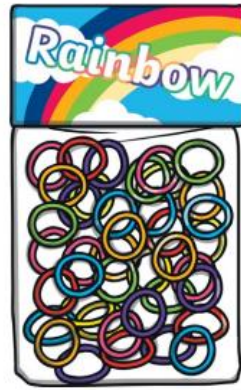


1996



The Tamagotchi was invented in 1996 in Japan. It is a handheld digital pet.

2011



The Rainbow Loom was invented in 2011 by Cheong Choon Ng.

2001



Bratz Dolls were invented in 2001 by MGA Entertainment.

2016



Hatchimals were introduced in 2016 by Spin Master Ltd.

1996



Tickle Me Elmo was introduced in 1996 and was invented by Ron Dubren.

2004



The Nintendo DS was developed by Nintendo in 2004 and had two screens.