

## ***History of toys***

### ***Teddy bears***

*In 1902, the president of America, Theodore Roosevelt, was given a baby bear. The president's nickname was Teddy.*

*A toymaker called one of his toy bears "Teddy's Bear". Soon, the name "teddy bear" was used for all toy bears!*



### ***The first bears***

*Early bears had very long arms and pointed snouts. Their noses and mouths were sewn in black thread and they usually had glass or button eyes.*

***A 1900s bear***

### ***Noisy bears***

*Some bears growl when they are tipped backwards. Others, like the big one on the right, have a squeaker that makes a noise when it is pressed.*

***A 1940s bear***





### ***Collectors***

*Some people collect teddy bears. Some teddies, like these ones here, can become quite valuable.*

### ***Mums and dads***

*Many grown-ups still have the teddy they played with when they were children.*

### ***A 1990s bear***



### ***Now***

*When was this teddy bear made?*

*Do you have a teddy bear?*

*Teddies are very special toys!*