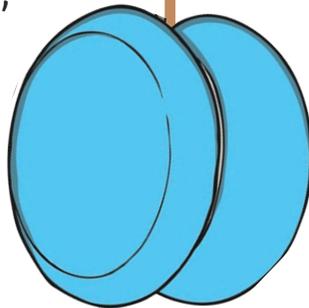


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Quick Questions



1. If the yoyo is the second oldest toy, which toy do you think is the oldest?



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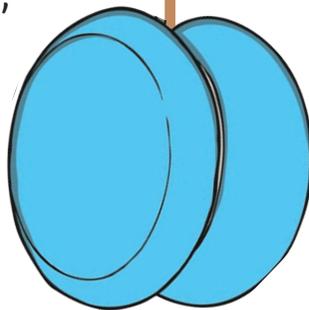
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Answers



1. If the yoyo is the second oldest toy, which toy do you think is the oldest?

Accept any sensible prediction linked to the child's knowledge of toys, e.g. I think that the doll is the oldest toy because lots of children like toys and they have been around for a long time.



2. Why did hunters find yoyos useful as weapons?

Accept any sensible answer linked to the text, e.g. They found them useful because they could pull the rock back up and have another go if they missed.



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wood, metal and pottery



4. Find and copy two phrases which tell you that yoyos have existed for a long time.

Accept any two of: 'second oldest toy in the world', 'three thousand years ago', 'long ago', 'five hundred years ago'.