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Thumbnail	Name	Date	Size	Description	Find out more online
	Demon' tennis racket by Slazenger & Sons Limited.	1885	680mm x 220mm x 30mm	This tennis racket may look very familiar, but the technology has changed massively. Wooden tennis rackets were popular for over 100 years and it wasn't until the 1970s that new technology like graphite and carbon-fibre made rackets lighter and stronger.	
	London 2012 Olympic Torch	2012	805 mm x 110 mm x 105 mm	Before the London 2012 Olympics, many of these torches were used to carry the Olympic flame in a relay around the UK. The flame symbolises the connection between the Ancient Greek Olympics and the modern sporting competition.	<a href="https://collection.science.museum/objects/co8357984/london-2012-olympic-torch-designed-by-barberosgerby-torch">https://collection.science.museum/objects/co8357984/london-2012-olympic-torch-designed-by-barberosgerby-torch</a>

	<p>Teksta V2, the Robotic Puppy</p>	<p>2000-2005</p>	<p>225mm x 115mm x 260mm</p>	<p>Teksta, the robotic puppy, was one of the most popular toys in 2000. He needed walking and feeding and could be taught to do different tricks. The robot has sensors, motors, and programming which control how it acts and responds.</p>	
	<p>The First Years' 'Friendly Floatee' green plastic frog</p>	<p>1990-1992</p>	<p>60 mm x 60 mm x 85 mm</p>	<p>During a storm in 1992, nearly 30,000 plastic toys fell from a container ship into the Pacific Ocean. Scientists then used these toys to study ocean currents. Some had very long journeys and weren't washed up for over 10 years!</p>	<p><a href="https://collection.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/objects/co8063313/the-first-years-friendly-floatee-plastic-frog-1990-1992-toy">https://collection.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/objects/co8063313/the-first-years-friendly-floatee-plastic-frog-1990-1992-toy</a></p>
	<p>LotusSport bicycle</p>	<p>1992</p>	<p>No dimensions on Mimsy</p>	<p>In 1992, this bike was the fastest in the world! Its carbon fibre frame is very light and thin. The low handlebars put the rider in an aerodynamic position. The bike was quickest because there was less air resistance.</p>	<p><a href="https://collection.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/objects/co26221/lotussport-bicycle-by-lotus-engineering-limited-bicycle">https://collection.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/objects/co26221/lotussport-bicycle-by-lotus-engineering-limited-bicycle</a></p>

	<p>Nintendo Game Boy, model DMG-01</p>	<p>1989</p>	<p>No dimensions on Mimsy</p>	<p>Nintendo launched their first handheld games console, the Game Boy, in 1989. The screen could only display 4 shades of grey, but it launched with some very familiar games including Tetris and Super Mario Bros.</p>	<p><a href="https://collection.scienceandartemuseumgroup.org.uk/objects/co8184133/nintendo-game-boy-model-dmg-01-games-console">https://collection.scienceandartemuseumgroup.org.uk/objects/co8184133/nintendo-game-boy-model-dmg-01-games-console</a></p>
	<p>Model of Bluebird racing car</p>	<p>1960</p>	<p>65 x 105 x 370 mm</p>	<p>The full-size version of this Bluebird racing car was full of cutting edge technology to try to break the world land speed record, which was then 394 miles per hour. In 1964, Donald Campbell broke the record in the Bluebird racing car.</p>	<p><a href="https://collection.scienceandartemuseumgroup.org.uk/objects/co529006/model-of-the-1956-designed-bluebird-cn7-racing-car-model-representation-toy-recreational-artefact">https://collection.scienceandartemuseumgroup.org.uk/objects/co529006/model-of-the-1956-designed-bluebird-cn7-racing-car-model-representation-toy-recreational-artefact</a></p>