

Children's Toys

Use the following words to complete the passage.

young
today
injury

dangerous
ignore
cartwheels

spinning
swallowed
kites

countries
cheap
film

dangers
Christmas
batteries

Ancient Greek and Roman children flew their⁽¹⁾, rolled hoops and whipped tops, but didn't have the variety of toys you have⁽²⁾.

Many very expensive toys appear around⁽³⁾. However, the top toy in pre-Christmas sales in 2002 was a simple⁽⁴⁾ top called a 'beyblade'. It is used to play 'attack' games and is very⁽⁵⁾.

Toys are great fun but there are also⁽⁶⁾. Messages on some packets warn that a particular toy may be⁽⁷⁾ for children under three as it contains tiny parts which could be⁽⁸⁾. Others may have sharp points which could cause⁽⁹⁾ or contain poisonous liquids, such as are sometimes found in paints or crayons. We must remember that some⁽¹⁰⁾ which make toys do not have our strict safety standards. One toy, a plastic elf based on a character in a Harry Potter⁽¹¹⁾, has been described as very dangerous for⁽¹²⁾ children by one member of Parliament.



Some modern toys are amazing—they can do⁽¹³⁾, talk to you, and remind you they are there when you⁽¹⁴⁾ them! There are plastic balls with⁽¹⁵⁾ inside which even bounce around by themselves!