

Victorian Toys

6 Victorian toys were usually made from
13 wood, metal and paper. The toys that
19 Victorian children had depended on how
24 much money their family had.

30 Children from rich families had toys
36 like clockwork train sets, toy soldiers
42 and tea sets whereas children from
47 poorer families normally played with
52 home-made toys (e.g. peg dolls).



57 To Make a Peg Doll:

- 63 1. Paint the peg, including a face.
- 72 2. Cut out circular piece of fabric double the height
82 of the peg. Cut a small hole in the middle.
- 91 3. Pull the fabric over the head of the peg,
99 using a rubber band or piece of string
105 to secure the fabric in place.
- 112 4. Use a pipe cleaner to create arms.
- 123 5. Cut wool for hair; glue the hair onto the doll's head.
- 129 6. Add beads and sequins for decoration.

Quick Questions



1. Give two examples of toys that a child from a rich family might have?



2. Find two adverbs of frequency in the text.



3. Why do you think that poorer children played with home-made toys?



4. Why has the author used imperative verbs?

Robot Revenge

11 The year is 2053. Robots are a part of everyday life –
17 they drive hover-trains, serve in holographic-restaurants
26 and even teach in virtual-schools. They are so realistic
38 that it can be hard to know whether you are talking to
50 a fellow human or a robot (in some cases the only clue
61 is the small light that can be seen faintly glowing from
65 behind the left ear).
73 In fact, robots are becoming increasingly infuriated with
83 their place in society. A group are plotting their revenge
94 on humans. They want to teach humans a lesson – it is
105 about time that humans started to be grateful for all the
114 wonderful opportunities they have in life. The robots will
117 make them realise...



Quick Questions



1. What jobs do robots do?



2. What does 'holographic-restaurant' and 'virtual-school' tell you about life in 2053?



3. Give two phrases which tell you that the robots have had enough of their position?



4. How do you think the robots will teach the humans a lesson?
