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Children's toys



1. My daughter loves ponies. We certainly can't afford to buy her one but we bought her a _____ which she pretends is her very own real pony.

- a) rocking horse
- b) robot
- c) doll's house
- d) moving pony

2. Children like to pretend to be someone else – a nurse, a fairy, a train driver. They love _____.

- a) dressing
- b) dressing up
- c) dressing down
- d) up dressing

3. I still love watching _____ shows. Even though you can see the strings I still like to believe the dolls really can walk and talk.

- a) poppet
- b) puppet
- c) puppet
- d) pupett

4. A _____ is such a simple toy. A round piece of wood or plastic and some string. Yet keeping the toy going up and down is such fun!

- a) doll
- b) skipping rope
- c) hula-hoop
- d) yo-yo

5. Children like playing with _____ but even adults use them too. Boxers like to use them to keep fit.

- a) building blocks
- b) skipping ropes
- c) colouring-in books
- d) marbles

6. She's only two but she loves her _____. She likes cuddling him and stroking his soft fur.

- a) doll's house
- b) doll
- c) robot
- d) teddy bear

ANSWERS:

1. My daughter loves ponies. We certainly can't afford to buy her one but we bought her a _____ which she pretends is her very own real pony.

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- b) robot
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a) **Correct! This is a toy that looks like a horse and that rocks back and forth.**
b) This is a toy that looks like a machine that you can make do things.
c) This is a small or miniature house that children play with.
d) This describes what the toy does (i.e. it moves back and forth) but the name of the toy is different.

2. Children like to pretend to be someone else – a nurse, a fairy, a train driver. They love _____.

- a) dressing
- b) **dressing up**
- c) dressing down
- d) up dressing

a) Dressing means putting on your usual clothes, rather than putting on different clothes and pretending to be someone else.
b) **Well done! Dressing up is what children do when they put on different clothes and pretend to be someone else.**
c) Dressing down means wearing less formal clothes than usual.
d) This expression doesn't exist in English. These words are in the wrong order.

3. I still love watching _____ shows. Even though you can see the strings I still like to believe the dolls really can walk and talk.

- a) poppet
- b) puppet
- c) **puppet**
- d) pupett

a) Poppet is an endearing word you might call a child or someone you love.
b) The spelling of this word isn't correct.
c) **Well done! A puppet is a toy that you control by pulling on strings connected to its head and body.**
d) The spelling of this word isn't correct.

4. A _____ is such a simple toy. A round piece of wood or plastic and some string. Yet keeping the toy going up and down is such fun!

- a) doll
- b) skipping rope
- c) hula-hoop
- d) yo-yo

- a) A doll is a child's toy that looks like a small person or baby.
- b) A skipping rope is a piece of thick string that you can jump over.
- c) A hula-hoop is a large plastic ring that you can play with by putting it around your waist and moving your body so that it spins.
- d) **Correct! A yo-yo is a toy that you roll up and down on a string that is tied to your hand.**

5. Children like playing with _____ but even adults use them too. Boxers like to use them to keep fit.

- a) building blocks
- b) **skipping ropes**
- c) colouring-in books
- d) marbles

- a) Building blocks are pieces of wood or plastic which children play with to build things. Boxers don't usually use them to keep fit.
- b) **Well done! Skipping ropes are pieces of thick string that you can jump over, which both children and adults can use.**
- c) Colouring-in books are books with black and white pictures in them which children use to make colourful with pens and crayons. Boxers don't usually use them to keep fit.
- d) Marbles are small glass balls which children play with. Boxers don't usually use them to keep fit.

6. She's only two but she loves her _____. She likes cuddling him and stroking his soft fur.

- a) doll's house
- b) doll
- c) robot
- d) **teddy bear**

- a) A doll's house is a very small toy house that children play with. It doesn't have fur on it.
- b) A doll is a child's toy that looks like a small person or baby. It doesn't usually have fur.
- c) A robot is a toy that's made of plastic or metal. It doesn't usually have fur.
- d) **Well done! A teddy bear is a soft toy that looks like a bear.**

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