

Toys by Age Category – Toys preferred list.

(source: [Age-by-Age Guide to Toys \(parents.com\)](#))

Top toys for babies

- Brightly colored, multi-patterned mobiles
- Rattles
- Floor gyms
- Activity boards
- Soft, washable, colorful stuffed animals or dolls with a smiling face
- Small stuffed fabric balls

Top toys for 1-year-olds

- Stacking rings
- Nesting cups or boxes
- Push- or pull-toys that make noise or have pieces that pop up or move
- Hammering sets that let kids pound pegs or balls through holes.
- Simple, sturdy musical instruments such as tambourines, drums, or maracas
- Shape sorters
- Play vehicles such as a school bus or a fire engine, and plastic people that ride in them
- Puzzles with four or five pieces
- Rubber ducks or toy boats

Top toys for 2- and 3-year-olds

- Dolls and stuffed animals
- Props for make-believe play, such as a toy telephone, a tea-party set, a play kitchen, or a doll stroller.
- Ride-on toys, tricycles, and balance bikes
- Musical instruments (popular ones include toy pianos with flashing lights that show kids what keys to press)
- Large transportation toys with buttons that make a horn honk or a siren whistle.
- Puzzles
- Construction toys that snap together

Top toys for 4- and 5-year-olds

- Art supplies, craft kits, Play-Doh
- Blocks of different shapes
- Computerized toys that teach phonics, reading, or math
- Construction sets with large pieces, such as Magna-Tiles, Legos, or fort-building kits

- Puzzles of greater complexity
- Action figures
- Barbies and other dolls
- Costumes
- Transportation toys, such as parking garages, airports, and train stations
- Board games that don't require reading, such as Hungry Hungry Hippos, Chutes and Ladders, or Candy Land
- Soccer balls and basketballs
- Active games such as Jenga or The Floor Is Lava
- Bicycles (with training wheels)

Top toys for 6- and 7-year-olds

- Basic science kits
- Slime
- Magnets, magnifying glasses, telescopes.
- Art supplies and craft kits
- Nintendo, PlayStation, or Xbox games
- Computer tablets
- Legos, K'Nex, Magna-Tiles, and other building sets
- Sports equipment
- Remote-control cars
- Barbies and similar dolls
- Play Tents
- Games that require strategies, such as chess, checkers, or Jenga

Top toys for 8-year-olds and beyond

- More elaborate science kits
- Tablet or computer for online games
- Nintendo, PlayStation, and Xbox games
- Craft kits
- Slime
- Outdoor sporting equipment
- Intricate construction sets.
- Board games such as Scrabble, Monopoly, and Trivial Pursuit Junior
- Strategy games such as chess, checkers, or Jenga
- Bananagrams
- Model kits

Tweens and teens

- Hair dryers/curling irons/kits/makeup kits
- Digital music/players

- Jewelry
- Electronics
- Books
- Hoodies
- Sporting goods
- Backpacks/school supplies
- Board games
- Hats/scarves/gloves
- Gift cards

Stocking Stuffer Items.

- Small items
- Stickers
- Cards
- Crayons/Markers
- Sidewalk chalk
- Socks
- Hair accessories
- Lip balm/Lip gloss
- Bubbles
- Puzzles
- Bath bombs
- Small books/comics/magazines
- Swim goggles
- Reusable water bottles

Adult gifts

- Beauty gifts
- Grooming kits
- Hats
- Gloves
- Playing cards
- Socks
- Bath items
- Candles
- Tea/coffee
- Reusable water bottles/cups
- Chocolates/Seasonal Candy

Miscellaneous items toy categories