

# Facts about Ancient Roman Toys:

- A baby's rattle was called a *crepundia* in Ancient Rome.
- Toddlers played with "pull toys" when they grew out of using their Pull toys would have been built in the shape of horses, chariots, or mice.
- Dolls were common toys for girls. They were made of fabric/stuffing wrapped in wood or terracotta.
- On the day of her wedding, a girl would have to burn all her dolls and give up the rest of her toys.
- Slingshots were common toys for boys. They were used as a fun way to teach boys to hunt.
- Many Roman children went swimming for fun.
- The Romans also played with marbles, balls and yo-yos, among other toys still around today.
- Examples of Roman dice made from animal bones have been found which suggest that gambling was a common pastime for adults.

## QUESTIONS:

- Name one toy that was commonly used by girls, and one which was commonly used by boys.  
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- Where did Roman children go to swim?  
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- What was a common hobby for adults in Ancient Rome?  
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- When did girls have to burn or give away their toys?  
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- What was a baby's rattle called in Ancient Rome?  
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- What did toddlers mostly play with?  
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- What were dolls often made from?  
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**Extension = investigate online and draw/label some Roman toys**