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## Questions



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Tick one.

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☐ old



2. Name **two** materials that can be used to  
make a yo-yo.

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3. What fact did you find out first?

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after people saw a picture of Prince  
George IV playing with one?

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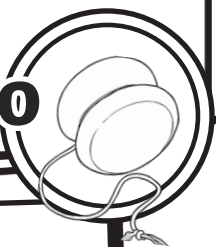
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make a yo-yo.

**Accept any two of the following: plastic;  
wood; metal; string.**



3. What fact did you find out first?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I found  
that yo-yos have been around for a  
long time.**



4. Why do you think the yo-yo became popular  
after people saw a picture of Prince  
George IV playing with one?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think  
people wanted to be like the Prince so  
they bought the same toy.**