

How to play like a Victorian

Travel back in time and play like a Victorian child with our 5 fun play suggestions!

1) Make some Victorian Toys

Victorian children played with different toys than we do today. Popular toys included Cup + Ball, Thaumatrope and dolls made from scrap materials.



[Click for cup & ball instructions](#)

[Click for how to make a Thaumatrope](#)

2) Put on a Victorian Puppet Show

Did you know that trips to the seaside and seeing puppet shows were a special treat in Victorian times?

Why not make your own puppets and put on a show to entertain your family? Use old socks, toys, your hands or whatever you can find to make your puppets!



3) get active and play hopscotch

Mark out a hopscotch grid using masking tape or chalk outside and get hop, hop, hopping.

[Click for hopscotch instructions](#)



4) Play some Victorian Parlour games

Victorian children did not have computers or games consoles to play with (lots of them didn't even have electricity!) Instead they had to make games using their imagination like charades and Kim's games.

[Click to find out how to play some Victorian parlour games](#)



5) Play Andrew Carnegie says

Have you ever played 'Simon Says'? Well this is the same game but we like to use Andrew Carnegie instead!

Remember if the person giving the instructions includes 'Andrew Carnegie says...' then you should do it. If they give a direct instruction *without* saying 'Andrew Carnegie says' *don't* do the action!

