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Carefully leveled text with a strong photo match offers early fluent readers the support they need to succeed.

Before Reading

- “Walk” through the book and point out the various nonfiction features. Ask the student what purpose each feature serves.
- Look at the glossary together. Read and discuss the words.

Read the Book

- Have the child read the book independently.
- Invite him or her to list questions that arise from reading.

After Reading

- Discuss the child’s questions. Talk about how he or she might find answers to those questions.
- Prompt the child to think more. Ask: How are your toys like the toys in this book? How are they different? What is your favorite kind of toy?

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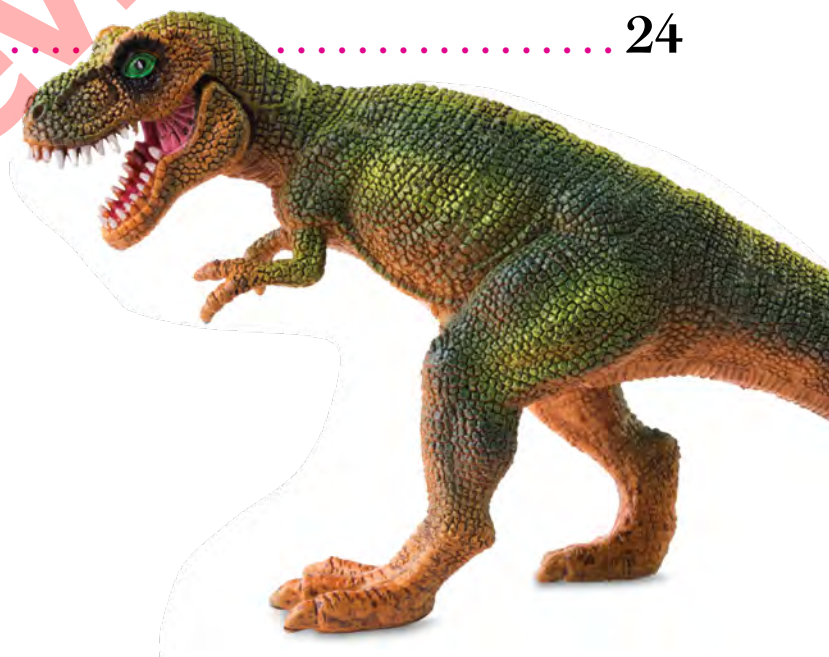
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CHAPTER 1

SIMPLE TOYS

hula
hoop

Toys help us play. Pretend. Think. Some even help us move. The hula hoop was a huge **fad** in the 1950s.



**Hula hoops are still toys today.
But they look different. How have
toys changed over time?**

Toys in the 1700s were very simple. Spinning tops. Kites. Balls made from leather. They were made by hand. With what? Things found in nature. Corn husk dolls were popular.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

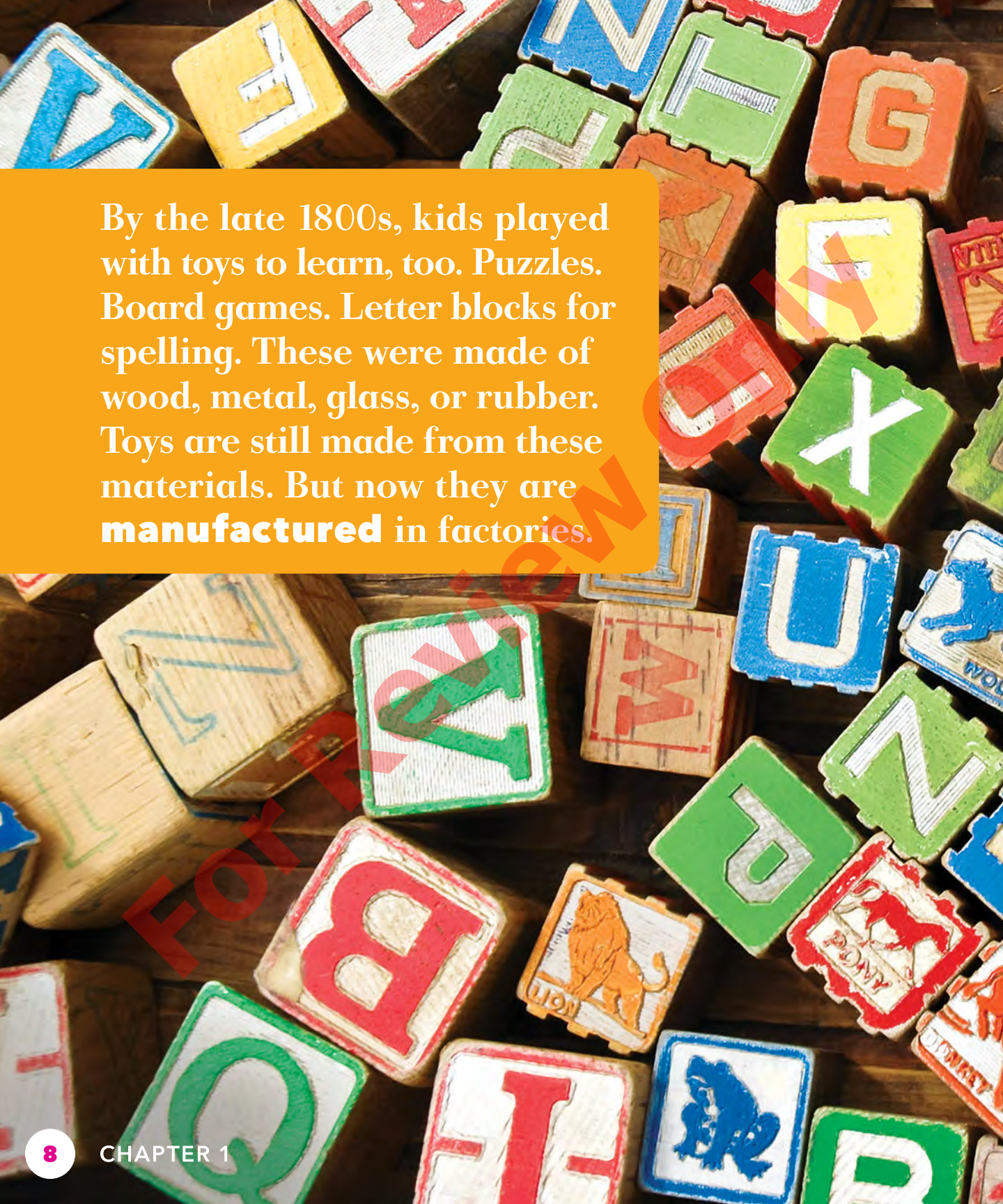
Native American kids played a game called Snow Snake. They slid sticks across ice. The farthest stick won. What games could you invent with sticks?





**corn husk
doll**

For Review



By the late 1800s, kids played with toys to learn, too. Puzzles. Board games. Letter blocks for spelling. These were made of wood, metal, glass, or rubber. Toys are still made from these materials. But now they are **manufactured** in factories.

TAKE A LOOK!

Puzzles are toys we have to **solve**. Take a look at these different puzzles. How have they changed?



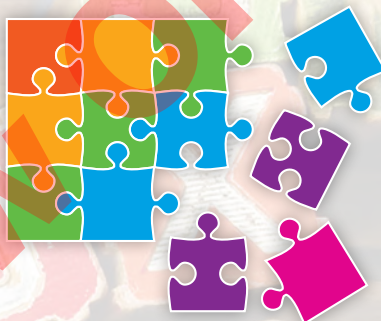
PIGS IN CLOVER

Players try to get the balls through the maze.



RUBIK'S CUBE

Players rotate the sides of the cube to try to get all same-colored squares on the same side.



JIGSAW PUZZLE

Players fit cut pieces together to form a picture.



PERPLEXUS

Players rotate a clear ball to try to get a smaller ball inside through a maze of plastic twists and turns.

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TRY THIS!

MAKE A JIGSAW PUZZLE

Use your own artwork or favorite picture to make a jigsaw puzzle!

What You Need:

- a drawing or picture
- cardboard that is larger than your picture
- a large, heavy book
- glue
- pencil
- scissors

- 1 Glue your drawing or picture to the cardboard. Make sure it is smooth, with no bubbles or wrinkles.
- 2 Set the big, heavy book on the picture as it dries. Once the glue is completely dry, trim off the cardboard edges that are sticking out.
- 3 Turn the picture over. On the back, draw the puzzle shapes you will cut out. It works better if the pieces are not too small or fancy.
- 4 Cut along the lines you drew to cut out your puzzle pieces.
- 5 Mix up the pieces up. How long does it take you to put your jigsaw puzzle together?

