

IELTS DAILY. A TOY FROM YOUR CHILDHOOD. TRANSCRIPT

Describe a toy from your childhood. You should say:

what that toy is

how old you were when you had this toy

what do you remember about this toy

and explain why this toy was memorable.

So today, I'm going to talk about a really special toy from my childhood called "Optimus Prime". And Optimus Prime is the name of a character from an animated television show from the nineteen-eighties called, "The Transformers" and "The Transformers" were these cool robots who were robots, but they could also transform into vehicles. So that way, they were able to hide from humans on earth because they were disguised as cars or trucks or ships or airplanes, or whatever.

So, the particular toy I have was a big semi-trailer named Optimus Prime. So semi-trailer is a big truck that has a trailer on the back of it. You'll see it ships, or it delivers lots of goods and services. So, he, Optimus Prime, was a big, cool truck. It was probably about this big, and the size of a ruler maybe and he transformed into like the main cabin of him transformed into a robot, and then his trailer transformed into a base with a gun on it and I've just remember playing with my cousin. He had a lot of Transformers too, and we would like, you know, we have mock battles and we would fight each other. My Transformers would fight his Transformers and I just remember, I loved that show, because there weren't many, many toys, when I was growing up, you couldn't change them. That's how the toy was. So when you took it out of the package, that's how it looked, but it was like getting two toys in one because it was like a vehicle that you could just drive around with your hand on the floor, but you could also then transform it into a robot and so it was really cool in that respect. So that's the toy that I remember, I don't think I'll ever forget it.

VOCABULARY

animated (adjective) - moving or made to look like it is moving.

battles (noun) - fights between people or groups, often in a war or big argument.

cabin (noun) - the small room where a driver sits in a truck.

cousin (noun) - the child of your aunt or uncle.

deliver (verb) - to take something to a place or person.

disguised (adjective) - made to look like something else so you can't tell what it really is.

gun (noun) - a weapon that shoots bullets.

mock (verb) - to laugh at or make fun of someone.

semi-trailer (noun) - a big truck with a trailer joined to the back.

that respect (noun) - the way someone looks up to or values someone or something.

trailer (noun) - a part pulled by a truck to carry things.

transform (verb) - to change into something else.

vehicles (noun) - machines that carry people or things, like cars or trucks.