

IELTS DAILY. TOYS. PART 3. TRANSCRIPT

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Nowadays, definitely electronic gadgets. All the time. I think kids are obsessed with screens, and it's a pity, really, because when I grew up, all the toys would be things that we would do outside. It would be sports-related. Or maybe some activities, board games, but now, kids want to play everything that's colourful on a screen.

Is it good for children to have many toys?

Personally, I think kids should be limited with a number of toys when they're bored, because I don't want them to be spoiled. I think the biggest problem nowadays is that there are so many. The variety of toys is so great, that parents have a difficult decision to decide which one they're gonna choose for their kids. I don't think it's a good idea for them to have many, many toys.

Finally, do you think that toys have any educational purpose?

Nowadays, lots of toys will be built for educational reasons. Learning numbers, letters, it could be conversations, whether they have to match things together. There are lots of apps nowadays. I said before that it's a shame, it's a pity that we have electronic devices, but I do think that there are some educational parts of a device. You could download an app that teaches kids a new language, or that could teach them numbers, letters, so there is some educational value in some toys.

VOCABULARY

device (noun) - an object or a piece of equipment that has been designed to do a particular job

limited (adjective) - not very great in amount or extent

obsess (verb) - to completely fill your mind so that you cannot think of anything else, in a way that is not reasonable or normal

pity (noun) - used to show that you are disappointed about something

shame (noun) - used to say that something is a cause for feeling sad or disappointed

spoil (adjective) - children or young adults that rude and badly behaved because they are given everything they ask for and not enough discipline

variety (noun) - several different sorts of the same thing