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YO-YO - THE SECOND OLDEST TOY

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On the surface, the yo-yo is an incredibly simple toy, it is really nothing but a spool attached to a length of string. But in the right hands, it can be something extraordinary.

An accomplished yo-yoist can send the yo-yo flying out in all directions, make it hover in mid air, then snap it back into his or her palm. Ordinary string and wood (or plastic) are brought to life! This may seem like magic, but It is actually just physics at work.

The yo-yo in its simplest form is an object consisting of an axle connected to two disks, and a length of string looped around the axle, similar to a slender spool.

The yo-yo has enjoyed many periods of popularity throughout world history and may be the second oldest toy in the world (after dolls). There are ancient Greek yo-yos made of terra cotta in museums in Athens, and yo-yos are pictured on the walls of Egyptian temples. Next historical mention of the yo-yo was found in India in 1765. It was a small box with a picture girl in a red dress playing with a yo-yo. After 25 years of yo-yo came to Europe, it was available only to upper classes of Scotland, France and England. During this time, it has acquired many names and varieties. The Yo-Yo is known to have been popular with such important warriors as Napoleon and the Duke of Wellington. First patented in 1866 by James L. Haven and Charles Hettrich, the Yo-Yo has enjoyed periods of popularity for generations with kids.

First invented in ancient Greece, yo-yoing turns popular secondly in the 1920s and remains a popular pastime of many generations and cultures.

It is also difficult to say with certainty whether the toy spread from country to country. We do know that it is used as a toy around the world but throughout history is unmatched. And, although the yo-yo has gone through periods of hibernation in its trek through the ages, its popularity, just like the toy itself, always comes back.