

# Teddy bear



**The teddy bear is a favourite toy for millions of children, and was named after American President Theodore Roosevelt.** 'Teddy' Roosevelt was invited on a hunting trip in Mississippi in 1903 and his host, eager to ensure that Teddy bagged something, caught and stunned a small bear and left it in a pre-arranged spot. Roosevelt quickly saw the set-up and would have nothing to do with it. The *Washington Post* published a cartoon of the scene and toy makers, seizing their opportunity, promptly renamed their cuddly stuffed bear line as ***teddy bears***