

Hottest toys set to become collectables

Teletubbies, tipped as the top selling toy this Christmas, are being rationed, Spice Girls dolls are already a collector's item and old favourite Barbie has remained in the bestseller list since she first appeared nearly 35 years ago. Apart from virtual pets – in second place – the chart-topping toys are little different from those our grandparents received in yesteryears

Soft toys:

Teletubbies £14 to £17

German teddy bear (c1910)

Price: 12 shillings

(equivalent to £28 today)

1997 value: £600-£4,000

Virtual pets:

Tamagotchi,

Giga and

Nano pets

from £12.99

Dolls:

Spice Girls

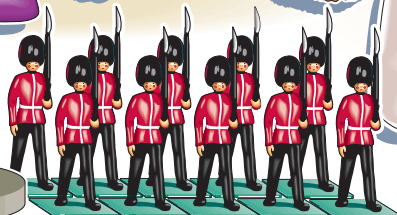
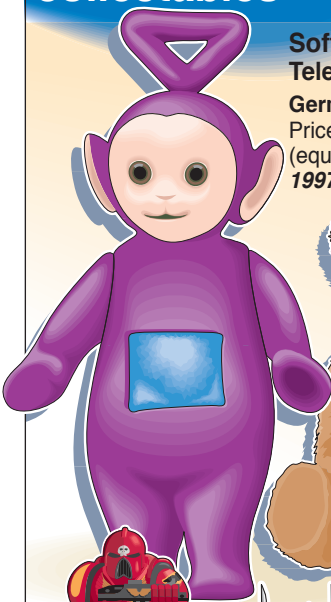
£18 to £20

Large glazed china

head doll (c1870)

Price: £1-£2 (£40-£80 today)

1997 value: Up to £3,000



Toy soldiers:

Warhammer

£4.99 per box of six warriors

Painted lead soldiers (c1900)

Price: 1 shilling per dozen

(£2.50 today)

1997 value: £200-£800

Merchandise:

Linked to videos of

Star Wars and Wallace and Gromit

are number three on the wish list

Board games:

Monopoly from £11.75

Monopoly game (c1935)

Price: 10/6d (£16 today)

1997 value: £30-£40

