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GUYS!
I can do
this! It's
fun!

Yo-yos go back 2,500 years, all the way to ancient Greece. They are the world's second-oldest toy. (Dolls are the oldest.) You can even find Greek vases with a picture of a boy yo-yoing on them.

From Greece, yo-yos traveled the world. Hundreds of years ago in the Philippines, yo-yos were used as a weapon to throw at animals. In Europe, yo-yos became popular with the wealthy—even adults. In 1815, at the famous Battle of Waterloo, the famous French general Napoleon and his army played with their yo-yos before battle.

It wasn't until the 1920s that yo-yos became popular in the United States. Donald F. Duncan, Sr., liked them and started a yo-yo company with his name. His salesmen traveled around the country to show people how to yo-yo. In fact, June 6—his birthday—is National Yo-Yo Day.

Today, you can find yo-yos in every color and type in stores all over the country. If you want to see amazing yo-yo collections, you can visit the National Yo-Yo Museum in Chico, California, or the Spinning Top & Yo-Yo Museum in Burlington, Wisconsin. But of course, the best thing to do with a yo-yo is just to play with it!

Want to see some champion yo-yoers? Check out
www.nationalyoyo.org.





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Strings

Can you **IMAGINE?**
You could have
yo-yoed in ancient
GREECE.

And I
don't want
to hear
anyone say
"Walk the
Parakeet"!

No one
walks a
parakeet!



Watch
out, Huck!
Sure it's fun
on the way
down, but...

C'mon Huck! Get
back in the basket!

On the
way back
up you might
get smacked
in the
head!

FUN WITH YOUR YO-YO

It's time to
make your
YO-YO move.

Here's how to do the **basic**
up and down yo-yoing:

Step 1: Put your yo-yo in front
of you with your palm down. Give it
a little thrust as you let it fall toward the
ground.

Step 2: Just when the yo-yo is almost at
the end of the string, jerk your hand up. The
yo-yo will come back up to your hand.

Time to get fancy? Try the **Forward
Pass Yo-Yo Trick.**

Instead of throwing a ball, you can throw a yo-yo. It will
come back to you.

Step 1: Place the yo-yo in your hand palm up, and
tilt your hand toward you so the back of your hand faces
forward. Put your arm next to you, instead of in front of you.

Step 2: Swing your arm forward, throwing the yo-yo in front of
you. It should make a nice arc.

Step 3: When the yo-yo reaches the end of the string, tug it. The
yo-yo will come back to you. Now catch it. Some people turn their hand
over for the catch.

You can find more fun, easy yo-yo tricks at

<http://www.howstuffworks.com/easy-yo-yo-tricks.htm>

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