Ten questions. Good company.

Questions 1-5. One point per correct answer. No timer. Keep the answers separate.

1. Which comic strip featured Charlie Brown in its October 1950 debut?

   A) Peanuts B) Garfield C) Calvin and Hobbes

2. What outfit did the original 1959 Barbie wear?

   A) A silver spacesuit B) A pink ball gown C) A black-and-white striped swimsuit

3. Which drawing toy, a Christmas favorite in 1960, makes pictures when you turn two knobs?

   A) Lite-Brite B) Etch A Sketch C) Spirograph

4. Which children’s television show made its U.S. debut on November 10, 1969?

   A) Sesame Street B) The Electric Company C) Reading Rainbow

5. Which symbol did Ray Tomlinson choose for network email addresses in 1971?

   A) # — the number sign B) & — the ampersand C) @ — the at sign

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Questions 6-10. One point per correct answer. No timer. Keep the answers separate.

6. Which Sony portable cassette player made its debut in 1979?

   A) Watchman B) Walkman C) Discman

7. The Magic Cube was renamed after its inventor in 1980. What name did it receive?

   A) Rubik’s Cube B) Simon C) Slinky

8. What make of car serves as the time machine in the 1985 film Back to the Future?

   A) Ford B) Cadillac C) DeLorean

9. Which space telescope launched aboard Discovery in April 1990?

   A) Kepler Space Telescope B) Hubble Space Telescope C) James Webb Space Telescope

10. Which furry electronic toy debuted in 1998 and spoke a language called Furbish?

    A) Furby B) Tamagotchi C) Teddy Ruxpin

For the host: answers

Answers 1-5. Reveal after everyone has had a guess. Sharing a memory is always optional.

1. Peanuts

Charlie Brown first appeared in Peanuts on October 2, 1950.

Which comic would you look for first?

2. A black-and-white striped swimsuit

The original Barbie wore a striped swimsuit when introduced in 1959.

Which toy would you most like to see again?

3. Etch A Sketch

The classic Etch A Sketch uses two knobs to guide a stylus across its screen.

What was the best thing you ever drew or made?

4. Sesame Street

Sesame Street first aired in the United States in November 1969.

Which show would you introduce to someone from another generation?

5. @ — the at sign

Tomlinson selected @ to separate a user’s name from the host computer in a network email address.

What was your first memorable message from far away?

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6. Walkman

Sony’s first Walkman model was the TPS-L2 stereo cassette player.

What would be the first song on your mixtape?

7. Rubik’s Cube

Ernő Rubik made the original puzzle in 1974. Its new name, Rubik’s Cube, arrived in 1980.

Which puzzle kept you trying?

8. DeLorean

A modified DeLorean carries Marty McFly through time in Back to the Future.

Which day would you visit again, if you could?

9. Hubble Space Telescope

Discovery carried Hubble into space on April 24, 1990. The telescope was deployed the following day.

What would you most like a closer look at?

10. Furby

The original Furby appeared in 1998 and used the fictional language Furbish.

Which toy caused the most excitement in your family?

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These are original website questions, separate from the forthcoming book. Read the source pages if you would like to explore further.

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