

# THE MUSEUM OF ME!

Museums collect all sorts of different things. We give them a special name, **artefacts**. At the Navy Museum we collect artefacts that help us to tell people about the story of the Navy.

## Have you been to any museums before? What sort of things did you see?

In a museum you might see an **exhibition**, this is when different things are put together in a display to tell people about something, or someone. At the moment we have an exhibition of photographs of the Navy on display, taken by a man named Tudor Collins.

## Why don't you have a go at making your own museum exhibition at home?

### Here's mine!

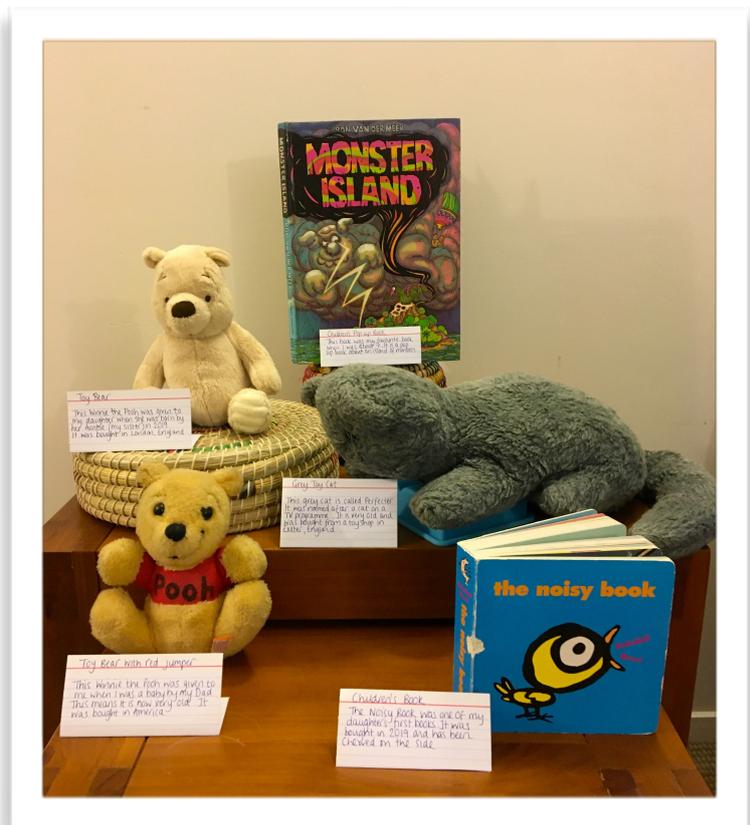
**My exhibition is all about me...  
I've chosen five artefacts that I wanted  
to share that I think are interesting:**

- Toy bear
- Toy bear with red jumper
- Monster Island Book
- The Noisy Book
- Grey Cat (Perfecter)



When we put things out on display we have to think about how we set them out, so our visitors can see them. We also have to make sure they won't get damaged, this is why some things are in cases in the museum.

**You can make your own display for people in your house to come and see.**



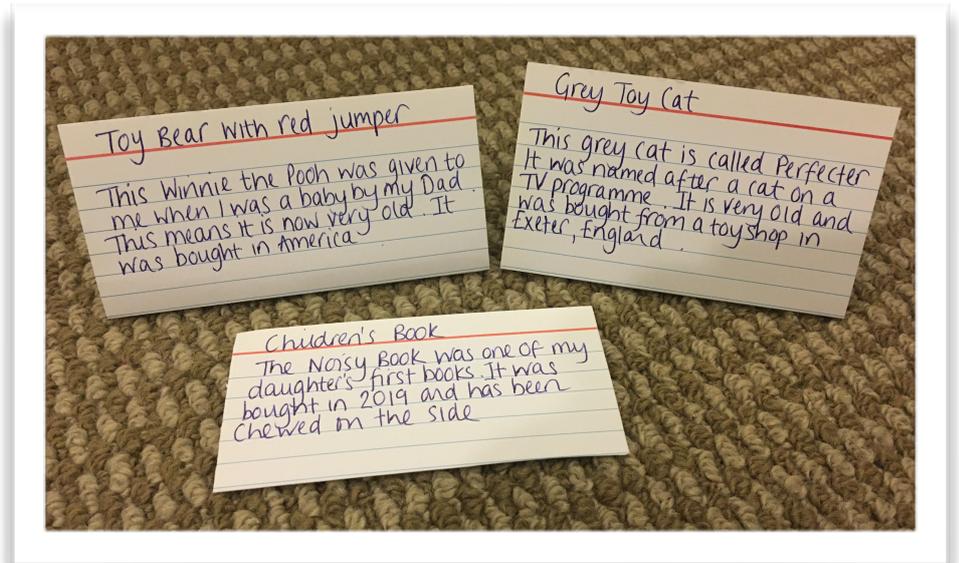
It might be that you have lots of things that you want to include in your museum. You could use these questions to help you decide which ones to include.

- **Why is this artefact/object important or special to you?**
- **What does this artefact/object say about you?**
- **What does it make you think of?**

At the museum we write **labels** for our displays so people know a little bit more about the things they are looking at.

### Here are my labels.

I didn't want to write too much but I did want to tell people why I chose these things and what makes them special.



### This is what I wrote for one of mine:

#### **Toy bear with red jumper**

This Winnie the pooh was given to me when I was a baby by my Dad. This means it is now very old. It was bought in America.

You could write longer labels if you wanted to but here at the museum we also give **guided tours**. Our guide hosts tell visitors more about the stories behind things on display. You could give a tour to the people in your house. You can watch a bit of mine here:

<https://bit.ly/GreyCatMuseumofMe>

**You could make your own museum exhibition with anything in your room really, just make sure it is things you are allowed to use and if you're not sure ask your adults!**

You could make one about lego models you have built...

Or books you have read...

Or an art gallery of pictures you have drawn...

You could even make the **MADE UP MUSEUM OF VERY RARE RARE STUFF**. You can watch a clip from the guided tour of my Made up Museum here: <https://bit.ly/DinoToothMuseumofMe>

These are just ordinary things from my house but I have turned them into amazing mystery objects...