

Traditional Asian Toys



Explore how traditional Asian toys are played with a push or a pull



KENDAMA
Pull • swing it up



DARUMA OTOSHI
Push • tap it out



SHUTTLECOCK
Push • kick it up



SPINNING TOP
Pull • pull to spin

INVESTIGATE IT YOURSELF

Explore how these traditional Asian toys and games are played. Try each one and watch how a push or a pull makes it fly, spin, or drop. You can push it, pull it, or kick it.



TEACHER GUIDE **Big idea:** Children across Asia play with clever traditional toys that move with pushes and pulls. A kendama ball is pulled up to a cup, a Daruma Otoshi block is tapped out with a push, a shuttlecock is kicked up, and a spinning top is spun by pulling a string. The strength and direction of the force changes how each one moves.

Ask: What push or pull makes each toy move? Is the force strong or gentle, and which way does the toy go? Which toy needs the most careful aim?