

The Whats-it Game -

Answer Key

Answers for Household Tool Edition:

- 1 – D MOUSE TRAP When the mouse stuck his head in the hole to try to get the cheese, a bar swung down from above, killing the mouse
- 2 – A TINDER PISTOL When the trigger was pulled, the stone flint struck steel, making sparks. The sparks, in turn, flew into a pan and started a small fire in the “tinder” (some fine straw or partially burned cloth) that could then be used to start a larger fire.
- 3 – B ROLLING PIN Not so different from rolling pins today!
- 4 – C LAMP This lamp burned oil or fat, using a wick dipped in the pan. It gave off a dim, smoky, smelly light.

Answers for Farm Tool Edition:

- 1 – C HOG LEADER The tool was connected to a pole and rope, letting you snare a hog’s nose ring with the pincers or prongs at the tip of the tool. Then you could lead the hog where you wanted it to go.
- 2 – A SHEEP SHEARER This tool worked kind of like the electric clippers a barber uses to cut hair – only these clippers had to be worked by hand.
- 3 – D POULTRY WATERER Made of clay. You filled up the crock with water and chickens or other poultry drank out of the open trough.
- 4 – B CORN HUSKER Used to help remove the outer husk from ears of corn – when you had a lot of ears of corn to work through!

Answers for Kitchen/Food Tool Edition:

- 1 – B APPLE PEELER Put an apple on the metal prongs, turn the crank and gears with one hand and use the other to hold a metal blade against the skin of the rotating apple. The skin comes off in no time!
- 2 – C HERB GRINDER Move the heavy iron wheel back and forth in the boat-shaped trough. Any fresh herbs and spices in the trough become finely ground.
- 3 – D MEAT SLICER Turning the crank makes the disk with metal blades rotate, slicing the meat.
- 4 – A ICE CREAM SCOOP Made mostly of tin, this doesn’t look too much different than the scoops we use to serve up ice cream today.