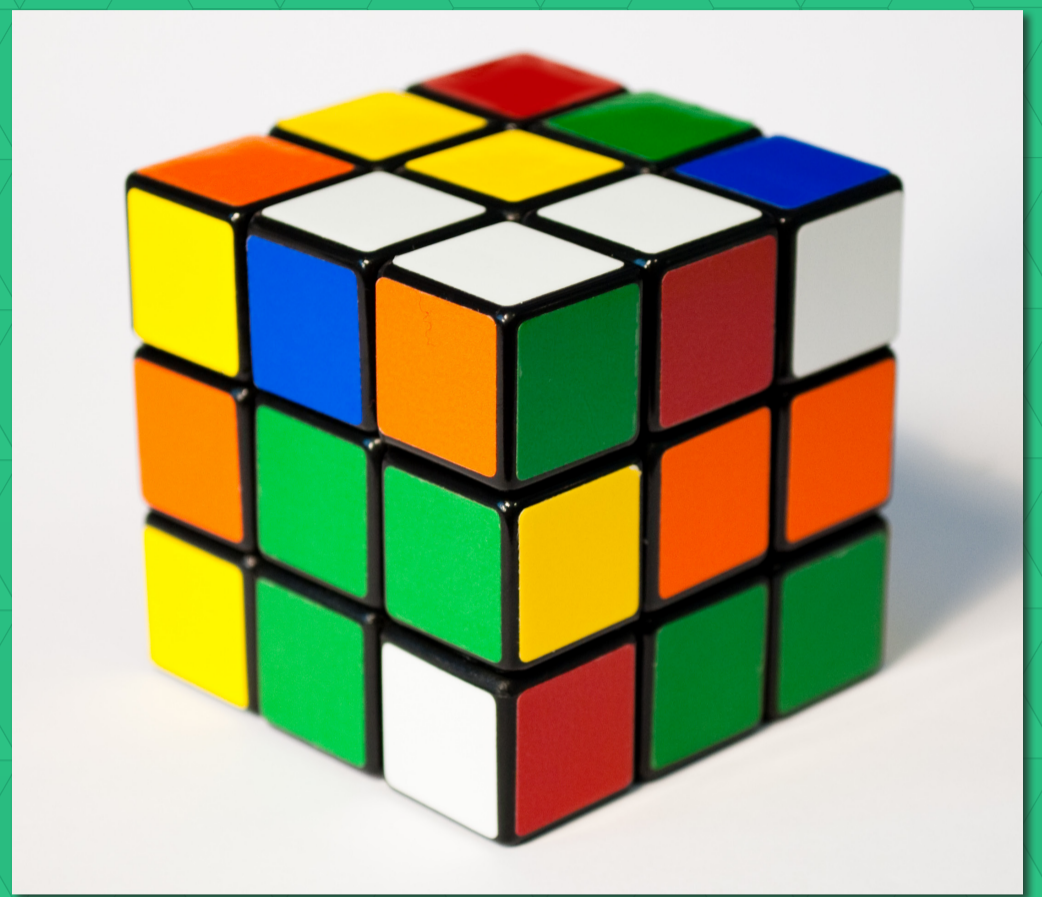


RUBIK CUBE



Introduction

Rubik's Cube is a cunning puzzle invented in 1974 by Hungarian Erno Rubik. It achieved massive popularity after it was marketed for worldwide sale and hit a peak in the 1980s as a "must have" toy. It is still available to buy today and is reputed to be the world's best selling toy ever made- spawning several variants. In the original classic Rubik's Cube, each of the six faces is covered by nine stickers, each side is one of six solid colours (traditionally white, red, blue, orange, green, and yellow). A pivot enables each face to turn independently, thus mixing up the colours. For the puzzle to be solved, each face must be returned to consisting of one colour alone. For me and many others there were countless hours clicking and twisting to little avail – successfully, and satisfyingly, completing



one or two sides! Doing slightly better than me was the world record holder. Australian teenager Feliks Zemdegs set a new record in 2011 when he completed a mixed up cube in 5.66 seconds!

Joan from Highgate remembers happy times with her cube:



"Every single person in school at break time was sat, like they are with mobile phones now, doing the Rubik Cube. Eventually I did do it (complete it). Me and somebody else took it in turns having a go and it took us months but we did do it. There was a lad did it on the television and then there were lots after him and it was about the timescale – how quick you could do it. I think, to be fair, we got our clues for doing it from the book that came out on how to do it."



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