The Big End of Year Mystery Object Quiz

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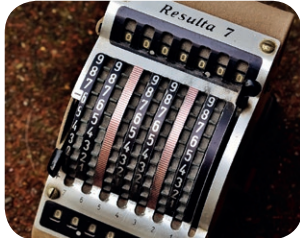| 17. | Name: _____ Purpose: _____ _____ | 18. | Name: _____ Purpose: _____ _____ |
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1. Big in the 80s for music.

2. Needed in bad weather.

3. Say cheese!

4. Protect it.

5. To quench thirst.

6. For listening.

7. It's a musical instrument.

8. It's a pressing matter.

9. Fanning the flames.

10. Save it.

11. Pulled by animals in fields.

12. Portable - not!

13. Not a computer keyboard.

14. Put two and two together.

15. Dip, dip, dip.

16. Home movies.

17. Heavy metal?

18. Get the big picture.

19. At the roadside.

20. As dead as a...

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1. **Name:** Audio cassette tape
   Purpose: To play music (on both sides) on Walkmans, ghetto blasters and hi-fis.

2. **Name:** Snow shoes
   Purpose: Attach to boots to be able to walk on snow easier without sinking in.

3. **Name:** 35mm camera film
   Purpose: Put inside a camera to take photos, then send it off to be developed and this film becomes the negatives.

4. **Name:** Hat box
   Purpose: When hats such as top hats and bowler hats were popular, people had boxes to keep them pristine.

5. **Name:** Water pump
   Purpose: Water pump such as this one were installed in streets before taps were in homes so that people could come and collect water by pumping the handle which brought water from below.

6. **Name:** Gramophone
   Purpose: A record is put on the turntable, a needle traces along the grooves in the record and the music is amplified through the horn. The HMV logo was always a dog and gramophone.

7. **Name:** Hurdy gurdy
   Purpose: Originally from France and other parts of Europe, this makes a sound like a wasp in a tin playing a tune. The handle is turned to make a drone sound and the keys are pressed on the strings to play the tune.

8. **Name:** A (smoothing) iron
   Purpose: In the 1800s, these were the main irons used to iron clothes. Solid irons were heated by the fire and some had a door to put in heated charcoal. The first electric irons were invented in the late 1800s but the need to smooth clothes has been around since Viking times!

9. **Name:** Bellows
   Purpose: In homes and forges, bellows were used to blow air onto a fire in order to make it burn better.

10. **Name:** Floppy disks
    Purpose: Used a lot in the late 1990s, they were inserted into a disk drive to save programs or files from the computers. Each one of these held 1.44MB of data - you would need 4 of these just to hold one modern photo!

11. **Name:** A plough
    Purpose: Ploughs were used to plough furrows into fields to plant crops. The blade (called a coulter) cut the Earth and the curved blade (called a share) would cut horizontally and turn the earth as it was pulled along.

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12. **Name:** An early mobile phone
Purpose: The phone is from 1988 and was one of the first mobile phones (they only made phonecalls). The large box on the bottom that you have to carry around with you in mainly the battery! Earlier ones actually came in a suitcase!

13. **Name:** Typewriter ribbon
Purpose: Typewriters needed ink-covered ribbons for the letter punches to print on the paper. When the ribbon had all been used, it needed changing for a new one. This one can type in black and red.

14. **Name:** Adding machine
Purpose: Before calculators, people used adding machines to add numbers and do accounts. This one is from the mid-1940s.

15. **Name:** Inkwell
Purpose: Made from glass, brass or wood, inkwells were essential to writing a few centuries ago when people used quill or pen and ink. This one is from the 1700s. The nib of the pen was dipped in the ink, used to write a few words and then dipped again.

16. **Name:** VHS tapes
Purpose: Big in the 1980s and 1990s, these were the way to watch and record TV or films before the age of DVDs. VHS stand for 'Video Home System' and was the most popular format, beating Betamax tapes, which were smaller.

17. **Name:** An anvil
Purpose: Used by blacksmiths and in forges to shape hot metal. They are very heavy and usually made from steel, although anvils have been used for hundreds of years and the very early ones would have been stone.

18. **Name:** A slide
Purpose: A way of taking and developing photos that results in a transparency (translucent image) in a cardboard frame. This is then put into a slide projector (using a strong light) to project a large image of the photo on a wall or screen. These were used from the 1930s and can still be used today.

19. **Name:** An AA box
Purpose: They first appeared in 1912 and were used as shelter for AA patrols who were there to help motorists. They also had a phone inside to call for assistance.

20. **Name:** Dodo
Purpose: A flightless bird that is now extinct (thought likely due to destruction of habitat and being hunted by sailors). It was found in Mauritius in the Indian Ocean, first recorded in 1598 (although it was alive before that) and last recorded in 1662.