

Carousels

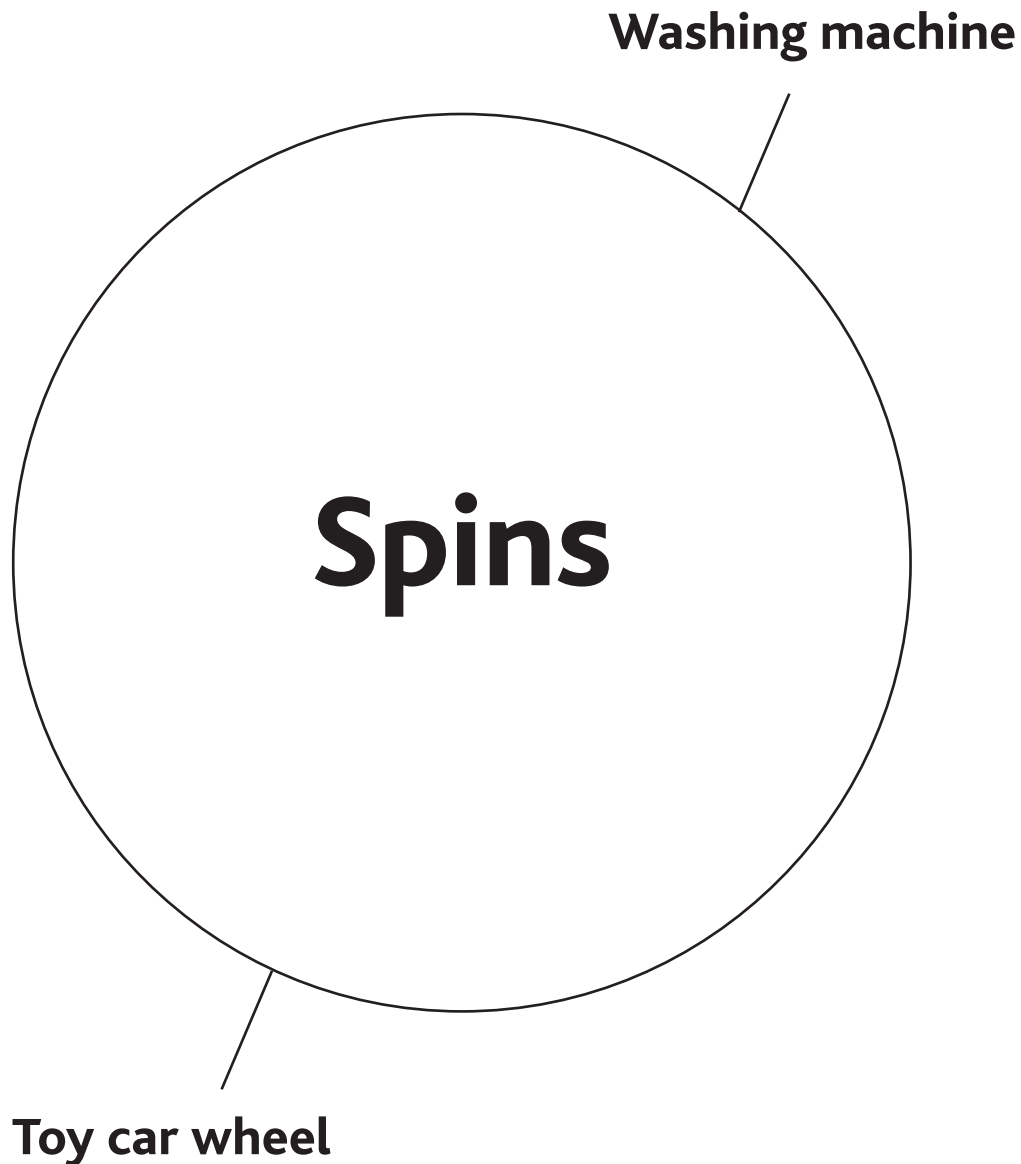
You usually find carousels at funfairs, traditionally with horses that you sit on and then go around and around for a short while.

This photograph comes from the Arthur Fenwick collection. His family owned the shop Fenwick in Newcastle. He loved the circus and fairgrounds and had lots of friends who worked there. He collected lots of things all about fairgrounds and circuses including paintings, leaflets, and photographs.



Carousels spin, round and around.

Can you think of anything in school or at home that spins?
Pop your ideas around the spider diagram before.



Have you ever tried to make things around you spin?
Have a go with things near you and see how well they spin on the floor or table. Maybe try a pen, or a bottle, maybe even a coin.

Let's make a spinner

You need:

- Sturdy paper or card
- Pencil Colour pens/pencils
- Scissors
- A penny
- A cup

Draw around the top of your cup onto the card, and then cut it out.

Using your scissors cut a line, the size of a penny in the middle.

You may need to get a grown up to help you with the cutting out.

Then colour your circle in.

Put your coin in and give it a spin.



What happened to your pattern?

Try spinning your spinner fast and slow and see if the pattern changes.

You could even try different patterns on it, or different combination of colours and see what changes you can make.

Carousel horse

Usually carousels are surrounded by rings of horses, painted in bright colours.

Can you design your own carousel horse?

What colours will it be?

Will you include any patterns, or shapes?

You could even make lots of horses and make your own carousel.

