

Rot or not?



Gather together objects personal to you or used by you:

- a useful object
- an object you use for eating
- an object you use for drinking
- an object you wear
- an object of knowledge
- an object for keeping yourself clean
- your favourite object

What would survive in one thousand five hundred years' time and what wouldn't?

What would be missing from your story for archaeologists of the future?

Take a look at my chosen objects on the next page

What would be missing from my story?

- They would know I had a mobile phone as it is metal and plastic, but the parts are likely to be too corroded to find out what was stored on it.
- They would know I used this silver spoon but not that this is my breakfast porridge spoon.
- One tea bag has only natural fibres and leaves and would probably rot away. The other has some plastic fibres in the tea bag but everything else would rot. They would not know that I **love** tea.
- My gold wedding ring would survive but it is an antique and the date inside reads 1904 which might be confusing if it was found with my mobile phone!
- My glasses are plastic and metal and would probably survive but they would not say whether I read a lot or a little or what I read.
- My toothbrush handle is wooden and would probably rot away. The bristles are plastic but could be recycled. If they were not recycled the archaeologist may have to work out what all the loose plastic threads were for!
- My spinning wheel is my favourite object – I find spinning very relaxing! Most of it is wooden and would probably rot except perhaps for a few bits of wood attached to the metal parts. There are only four metal parts and eight tiny hooks. Would they know what it was?

