

Introducing the NEEDOH fidget

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Needoh has become very popular (at my school) over the time span of this year through last year. Many people might have fidgets but at my school the most popular fidget is Needoh. Needoh has also gained popularity from TikTok with viral ASMR. People on TikTok also put Needoh's in microwaves and explode them. (I suggest you do NOT do that). They have also been called a "must have", and "collectible item." Part of the Needoh name comes from the dough-like texture that they have. Many brands have been making Needoh like creation putting it under their brand name.

Needoh also has made many seasonal Needoh squishes meaning it increases buyer

for that holiday season. This popularity has led to Needoh being sold out in at most an hour. This is horrible for any place selling Needoh, because the customers that don't get them will demand restock so they can get some. Needoh has been out for a while. Some kids have got them in like 2nd grade and just now Needoh is exploding in popularity. Meanwhile they also help kids with stress. "Popular models include the classic NeeDoh, Color Changing, Nice Cube, Super NeeDoh, Crystal, Dream Drop, Mac 'N' Squeeze, and specialized shapes like Dig' It Pig, Gummy Bear, and Nice Cream Cones" Says Schylling.

Needoh has been around since 1968. Even though Needoh produces many different shapes and sizes of Needoh, the "Nice Cube" is the most popular. Many schools have their

students bringing Needohs to school. Another very popular squishies is the viral dumpling. Needoh has also created the viral dumplings. Many people have been wanting the "Rose Gold" dumpling. On TikTok and YouTube people have been buying lots of them and only getting one color of them.

Because of Needoh being so popular they cost very much. The cost ranges from 4-15 dollars. A small Needoh will cost around 4-9 dollars while a bigger Needoh costs around 10-15 dollars. (These prices might not be very accurate.) Depending on how much you use a Needoh it could last for a week, month, or a year. Needoh's don't have an expiration date but if left unused for quite some time they can become firm. That can become fixed by warming them up with your hands. To make them

last longer you should avoid excessive stretching and keep them away from sharp objects.

If your Needoh breaks and the inside starts to come out, Needoh recommends disposing of it. If you have anything you want to try to fix it with go ahead. Many kids find an air hole in their Needoh. You can pop it but it might lose its shape. This happens because it loses testion and is unable to form its original shape again. If the hole is too big the insides could come out and then your Needoh should just go into the trash. Another popular squishy is the huge banana (which is not by Needoh). If you pop that it loses its shape.

If you want a Needoh I suggest going to non-popular stores. They might not have a Needoh but they might have a squishy you can find interest in.

Opinions on Artificial Intelligence

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AI has been getting stronger and stronger everyday. It also grows by us using it, and teaching it how to do simple tasks. On occasion, it is helpful, but most of the time it will state false responses, or agree with you. I have decided to interview some of my classmates and friends about their opinions on this. My first classmate, Bristol says, "I think it's poor quality and we should stop using it. I believe this because there are other things

we could be using money for, like helping endangered animals and other species that may be struggling."

My other classmate Piper says, "It's not very bright, and people need to stop spending stuff on Artificial Intelligence, because there are other causes better than it. You can donate to charity, or put it to education and human needs. AI is a helpful resource, but not for educational purposes. It has many misleading facts or answers, but it depends on what you ask it."

My older brother said, "I think it's a really

helpful tool that can be used in a lot of situations. I think morally it has some flaws so personally, I wouldn't use it for school, personal decisions, or high risk-reward scenarios but it's a quick easy answer for everyday problems that you come across. I think we need to be cautious not to implement any more characteristics into it that could relocate that of a human. I don't think AI could take over the world but they could definitely be hard to identify from humans if they continue to develop certain things in its software."

And finally, my friend Charlotte said, "Most of the time it is faulty, or inaccurate because it's phony. It's getting out of hand, the amount of tasks or jobs that AI is replacing. People are being replaced by the second for these deceitful robots."

This is some of our student feedback. Most people believe that students use AI to cheat, but AI is getting more secure, and better by the minute, and needs to be maintained. I believe that this work should be done by hand, or cared for by a real organism instead of bolts and gears.

Punch The Monkey

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Have you ever heard of Punch the Monkey? If you have you probably know that it is a sad story and if you haven't this is the place to be to read about it. Punch is a Japanese Macaque who was born on July 26, 2025. He was named after "Monkey Punch" who made

Lupin the Third. Sadly after Punch was born his own mother (Frurit) abandoned him after birth because of Heat Stress, Inexperienced, and Environmental Factors so she chose her survival over her infants. The zookeepers at Ichikawa City Zoo noticed that he was lonely and had no mother. Kosuke gave him the IKEA Djungelskog toy that is called plushie mom. They did this to provide warmth and comfort.

After he was moved to the "Monkey Mountain" he started being at only 7 months old. There are videos of him being dragged around by the head by other monkeys. Even worse the staff ignored the vicious life-threatening abuse, brushing it off as normal monkey behavior. The workers also said that it would just make it worse to isolate Punch. Eventually these aggressive monkeys were temporarily removed

from this enclosure. In February, 2026 Andrew Tate offered \$250,000 to adopt Punch but the zoo rejected his offer because they were focused on Punch connecting and socializing with his own kind. Finally the zookeepers moved Punch to a new enclosure on March 8, 2026 where Punch has started socializing with his troop and making real friends while keeping his plushie mama close.

Australia: The Ten Deserted Land

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Australia is a beautiful place with Uluru, the Sydney Opera House, and Kangaroo Island. You may not have ever been there before but it is okay. It is a wonder to see all of the sights of the outback, city, alpine, woodlands, and rainforests. Australia is a mysterious place to see and hear.

Australia is 14,346km from Indiana.

Sure it is far but all the sights make it worth it. Australia is a place on my bucket list except for the prices. The cost to live there ranges from \$70,000-\$80,000. A lot, I know. But as Australians say "No worries." Exploring Australia is just what you need because there are many landmarks. There is the Great Barrier Reef, the Sydney Opera House, 12 Apostles, Uluru, the Daintree forest, Cradle mountains, and Horizontal falls. Of course there are more places you

can go but these are the popular ones. Some animals that live there are Kangaroos, Dingos, Wallabies, Wombats, Koala, Platypus, and the Echidna. You can see most of these animals in the deserts of Australia. Koala on the other hand you'd see that in the rainforest. Did you know that scientists are still finding new animals in Australia today? Yep, crazy but "No worries!" Fun fact time! Australia is a country and

a continent, the biggest reef system is also there. Another, is Australia has some of the world's whitest sand. Two more is that the Sydney Opera House inspiration was nature, and finally there is more outback (desert) than city. This country or continent is very strange, cool, and hot. No, seriously bring sunscreen and water. If you go take a camera, loved ones, money, and your Aussie (Australian) hat! One more thing, thanks for reading!

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