

# "How to..." Essay, Draft #3

## How to Play koma

There are a lot of traditional toys in Japan. This is called a koma. A koma is a top. It is a very exciting toy and a lot of fun. We would like to tell you how to play koma.

First, I am going to tell you about the koma. The history of the koma started from the sixth century.

Next, I will describe the koma. The koma is made of wood and is shaped like a pyramid. There is a small metal pin which goes through the center. Also, you need a string to wind it up. There are many kinds of the koma in Japan. In addition, there is a new kind of koma called "Bay-blade". The bay-blade is made of plastic and a very popular toy. As you can see, the koma is a very famous and interesting toy.

Next, I'm going to tell you about how to play koma.

Now, I will explain how to wind the string. First, hook the string's loop on the top of the pin of the koma.

Second, wind the string on the pin under the koma two or three times. At this point, the string should be

rolled tightly. Third, wind the rest of the string around the bottom of the koma. Next, I will explain how to hold the koma. First, grip the end of the string strongly. Second, open your right hand so that your thumb is up and your index finger is pointing forward. Finally, I will explain how to throw a koma. First, hold a koma in your hand. Second, put the long part of the string between your little finger and your ring finger like this. Third, put your thumb on top of the koma and your index finger on the side like this. Next, raise your arm and pull it back. After that, swing your arm forward and whip the top so that it goes in front of you. As you can see, the koma is a very easy toy. We can play koma very well.

Koma is wonderful part of Japanese culture!

Koma is also a traditional part of Japanese culture.

If many people are interested in doing koma after our presentation then we will be happy. Now you know a little about koma. Thank you for listening.