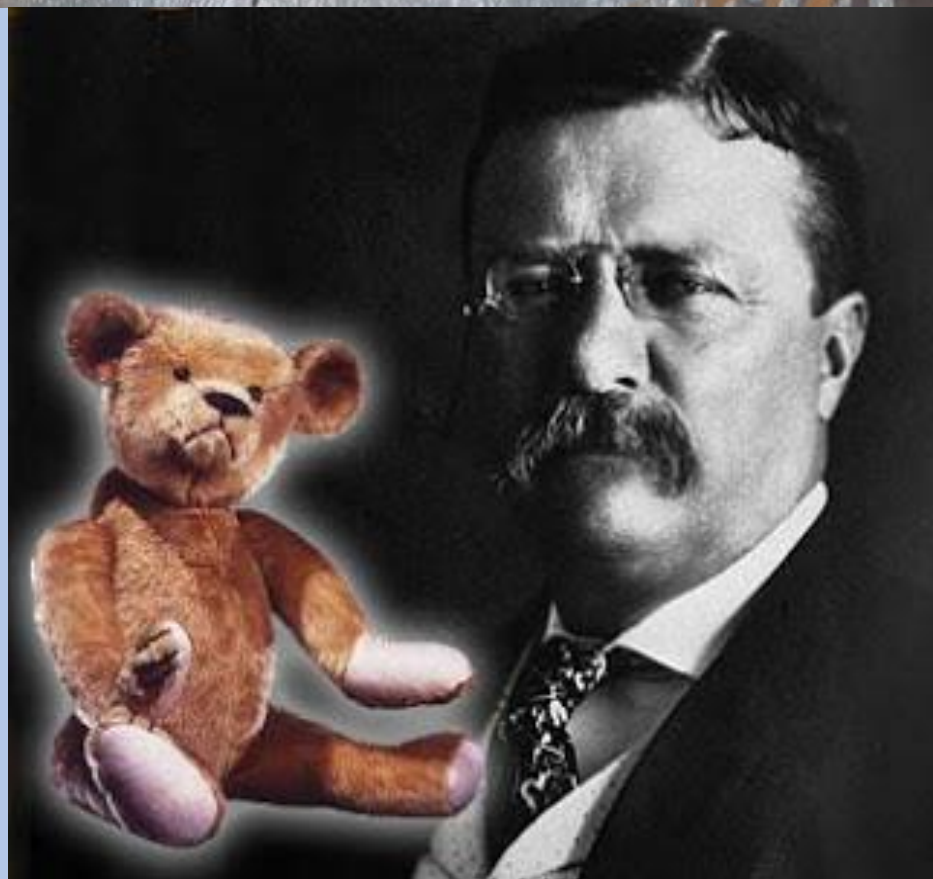


The Story of the Teddy Bear





Theodore Roosevelt was the President of America a long, long, time ago (1909).
He had a very important job of looking after America.
Everyone knew who he was and they called him Teddy.



Teddy was very busy but he liked to do lots of outdoor activities like horse riding, exploring and hunting animals in the forest.

Teddy had friends who went with him on a hunting trip.



They were hunting for bears. Teddy thought he would really like to catch one and shoot it. But there were no bears to be seen anywhere and Teddy felt very disappointed.



Teddy's friends did not like to see him upset, so when they saw a big black bear they caught it and tied it up for Teddy to shoot.



But when Teddy saw the bear tied up and helpless, he felt sad. He said he could not hurt the bear and went home without shooting any animals.



Everybody heard about Teddy and the bear. The newspapers all printed stories saying “Teddy Saves the Bear”.

A shop keeper who sold sweets in a shop saw it too and it gave him an idea.



The shop keeper and his wife decided to make stuffed bears and they called them Teddy's Bears.



The bears were put in the shop window and everybody loved them and wanted to buy them!
That's how we got the Teddy Bear. Now there are bears in lots of sizes, shapes, colours and they all around the world!