



Oh, how I do love to be beside the seaside!
What was the English seaside like in the 1800's?



What is similar?
What is different?

Key vocabulary

arcade	An indoor area containing coin operated game machines
beach	A pebbly sand or shore next to the sea
cliff	A steep rock face, especially at the edge of the sea
coast	Where the land meets the sea
promenade	promenade a paved, public walk way near to the sea front
pier	a platform on pillars projecting from the shore into the sea
harbour	a place on the coast where ships can moor in shelter from high winds and rough seas

Why did the Victorians want to visit the seaside?

The Victorians loved to visit the seaside as they believed the sea air and water from the sea was good for preventing disease and helping to cure any illnesses.

How did they travel there?

In the 1840's the railway allowed lots of people to travel cheaply to holiday destinations by the sea.

How do we travel to the seaside now?



Home learning task:

Create a poster/leaflet advertising a seaside holiday during the Victorian times. Think about the location, how you would get there, the food/ entertainment and the sort of places you could stay.



Victorian swimwear:

Victorian women's bathing suits started off as long dresses in the early 1800's and after 1860 changed to a long gown to the knees and trousers to the ankles. They did not want to expose their skin to the sun so they would often wear a bonnet, shawl and gloves on the beach and remain shaded under a parasol.



Did you know men and women weren't allowed to go swimming together?



Who were the Victorians?

The Victorians is the name given to people who lived during the reign of Queen Victoria from the 20 June 1837 until the date of her death on the 22 January 1901

What did the seaside used to be like during the Victorian times?

Punch and Judy



Punch and Judy is a funny puppet show that has been common at the seaside since Victorian times.

Bathing machines



They were wooden carts that ladies could get changed in because it was considered rude to be seen in a swimming costume. They were then rolled into the sea (usually by a horse) and ladies could go straight from the cart into the sea without being seen!

Donkey rides



From the 1880's children could ride on donkeys at the beach.

Food

The Victorians enjoyed eating fish and chips, candyfloss, ice cream and bags of cockles and whelks

Entertainment



You could listen to music played by brass bands on the promenade or watch clowns/dancers entertain you in the theatre at the end of the pier.

Rockpooling/ building sandcastles



You could buy a bucket, spade and net to catch small fish and crabs as well as to build yourself a sandcastle.



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Knowledge organiser quiz



1. Where is a promenade?

a) on the sand

b) In the sea

c) near to the sea front

2. Who wasn't allowed to swim together?

a) sisters

b) men and women

c) brothers

3. How did people in the 1800's usually travel to the seaside?

a) By train

b) By aeroplane

c) By car

4. What could children in the 1800's ride on whilst visiting the beach?

a) horses

b) rollercoasters

c) donkeys

5. Who was Queen during the Victorian times?

a) Queen Victoria

b) Queen Elizabeth II

c) Queen Mary

6. What did the Victorians enjoy eating by the seaside?

a) Burgers and chips

b) Fish and chips

c) Pizza

7. What is the name of the puppet show you could watch at the beach?

a) Punch and Judy

b) Punch and Jessy

c) Rob and Judy

8. Why did Victorian women wear a bonnet, shawl and gloves on the beach?

a) Because it was cold

b) Because it was fashionable

c) Because they didn't want to expose their skin to the sun

9. What was the name of the wooden carts Victorian ladies would change in?

a) Changing room

b) Bathing machine

c) Dressing cart

10. What did Victorian women wear in the sea?

a) A swimming costume

b) A wetsuit

c) A long gown and trousers to the ankle