

Keystage history

Knowledge organiser

Going to the seaside



Seaside

Why we are learning about going to the seaside

You are learning about this topic to help you to understand how different life was over the last 100 years. As many of you will have been to the seaside, we felt it would be easier for you to make comparisons between then and now, not just on the beach but getting there from home too, as motor cars steadily took over from trains for many people. As this was a time when photographs were taken for the first time, we have a lot of evidence for you to explore so that you can work a lot of for yourself. Many objects from that time also survive to give us a flavour of what people's everyday life was like. At the end we look at how seaside holidays have changed over the last 100 years or so, with the arrival of cheap air travel and holidays abroad in the sun. Your interviews with parents and grandparents will provide another useful piece of evidence here. Finally, the topic also links very well with your work in geography.

1750

People start going to the seaside for the pure clean air



1840

With the growth of the railways many more people can travel cheaply to the coast

1860

People are allowed short, paid holidays which they take at the seaside



1880

Seaside holidays are at their most popular

1950s

Package holidays start. People start flying abroad



2023

Traffic jams and queues at airport are more common



Key questions

KQ6
How have seaside holidays changed? What our grandparents tell us

KQ1
What was going to the seaside like 100 years ago?

KQ2
What did people do at the seaside 100 years ago?

KQ3
How do we know what holidays were like 100 years ago?

KQ4
Do we go on seaside holidays for the same reason people went 100 years ago?

KQ5
How have seaside holidays changed over time?



Bathing machine



Pier



Punch and judy



Penny lick

Key vocabulary

Bathing machine	Hut on wheels pulled from the beach into the sea by horses so that people were not seen getting into the water
Codd bottle	Glass bottle with marble in the neck as a stopper
Excursion	Trip
Package holiday	Organised holiday where price of flight food and place to sleep are included, usually abroad.
Penny lick	Glass for holding ice cream
Parasol	Type of umbrella used on sunny days to give shade. Over 100 years ago people didn't like suntans.
Pier	Long platform sticking out into the sea which people used to walk along or get to steamboats
Pollution	Gases, smoke and chemicals that make air, land and water dirty
Promenade	Wide path people used to stroll along next to the seafront for pleasure
Punch and Judy	Tent in which puppets performed short funny plays
Shore	Edge of the beach next to the sea
Stroll	To walk slowly in unhurried way

Top takeaways

In this topic you will learn:

1. People have been going on seaside holidays for over 200 years but they only became popular in Victorian times, over 100 year ago
2. This was because there were holidays for the first time and people could travel by the new invention of steam trains and railways.
3. People tended to dress in heavier dark clothes and keep the sun off their skins.
4. Many activities that children get involved in on the beach today are similar to those 100 years ago
5. Seaside holidays have changed quite a lot in terms of where people go nowadays (often abroad)and how we get there (often on cheap flights)
6. Some people preferred the simpler seaside holidays in the past because there were no traffic jams, fewer queues and less pollution.