

Seaside holidays then and now KS1 Knowledge Mat

Subject Specific Vocabulary

steam train	A train that is powered by a steam engine.
Punch and Judy	A traditional puppet show from the past featuring a puppet called Mr Punch and his wife, also a puppet, Judy.
Bathing machine	A wheeled hut which was pulled to the edge of the sea. Used for getting changed to bathe.
Beach hut	A small shed at the beach that people use to get changed.
Deckchair	A fold out chair that people often take to the beach.
Brass band	A group of musicians playing brass instruments.
Promenade	A paved public walk along the seafront.
Entertainment	An activity that provides enjoyment.
Tourist	Someone who is visiting a place for a holiday.



Sticky Knowledge about seaside holidays then and now

In the past, before planes were invented, if people went on holiday they would stay within the UK, often heading to the beach resorts e.g. Blackpool, Southport and Bournemouth. Today, people still do this but many also go abroad for a seaside holiday.

Seaside holidays became very popular for more people during the Victorian times because new steam trains made it easier and cheaper to go to the seaside. Victorians were fully clothed at the beach and got changed in bathing machines. They did not sunbathe but they did watch Punch and Judy.

In the 1950s and 60s, most people holidayed at a beach near their home. Not many people went abroad. Bikinis and swimming shorts became popular. People sunbathed, rode donkeys and build sandcastles.

Some things have stayed the same. People still like to eat ice cream, ride donkeys and build sandcastles

We can find out about the past by speaking to people that lived in those times, looking at photographs and reading diaries and newspapers from that time. We can also look in books and on the internet.

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