

History – Victorian Seaside

Year 1
Summer Term

Key Vocabulary

past	Gone by in time and no longer existing.
present	The period of time now occurring.
Victoria Era	In the history of the United Kingdom and the British Empire, the Victorian Era was the period of Queen Victoria's reign, from 20 June 1837 until her death on 22 January 1901.
seaside	A place by the sea, especially a beach area or holiday resort.
holiday	An extended period of leisure and recreation, especially when spent away from home or travelling.
entertainment	The action of providing or being provided with amusement or enjoyment.
beach	A strip of land covered with sand, shingle, or small stones at the edge of a body of water, especially by the sea.
pier	A platform on pillars projecting from the shore into the sea, typically incorporating entertainment arcades and places to eat.
promenade	A paved public walk, typically along the seafront.
bathing machine	A wheeled hut drawn to the edge of the sea, used for changing in and bathing from.



Victorian Seaside



Seaside Today



Victorian Seaside holidays were very different.

Most Victorians would go to a British seaside, such as Blackpool because flying to another country wasn't an option.

Victorians believed that the seaside air was good for you.



Mixed Bathing, Redcliffe, Qld.

Murray, Photo.

Sunbathing wasn't in fashion back then, so Victorians would go to the beach fully clothed. 'Sea bathing' was done instead.

Some beaches were divided for men and women.



Bathing machines were carriages in which the women would change in to their bathing costumes.

A horse would then pull it towards the sea and the women would lower themselves into it without being seen.