



What is the seaside?

Where is it located?

The seaside is a place by the sea where people like to go for their holidays. It is called a seaside because it is beside the sea.



Seasides are located on the coast, which is the land next to the sea.

Famous seaside resorts in the UK include Brighton, Margate and Blackpool.



Key Vocabulary

Seaside 	Land that borders on the ocean; seashore.
Amusements	Something that amuses or entertains; fun.
Bathing machine	A wheeled hut drawn to the edge of the sea, used for changing in and bathing from.
Time	Used to measure how long ago something happened.
Entertainment	Something that amuses or interests.
Pier 	A long, flat structure built out from land over water that is used for landing boats; dock.
Fair	A place of outside entertainment.
Historical source	Evidence used to support your claims of what the past was like.
Primary source 	Original documents and objects that were created at the time under study. It is something that comes from a time being studied or from a person who was involved in the events being studied.
Secondary source	It does not give original information, it interprets and summarizes information from a primary source. Textbooks, biographies and encyclopedias are examples.
Living memory	Within or during a time that is remembered by people still alive.
Promenade 	A path made for taking a leisurely walk.
Seaside resort	A city, town, village, or hotel that serves as a vacation resort and is located on a coast.
Victorian era	The time period during the reign of Queen Victoria, from 20 June 1837 until her death on 22 January 1901.

How has the seaside changed over time?

Year 2



What was it like to visit the seaside during Victorian times?

During Victorian times, railways were invented which allowed people to travel further and enabled people who had never had holidays before to start travelling to the seaside on the train.



In addition, the introduction of Bank Holidays in 1871 (an extra day off attached to a weekend) meant that workers had more free time available to travel.

The Victorians would travel to the seaside to enjoy activities such as a 'Punch and Judy' puppet show, walk along the promenade, go for a donkey ride, build a sandcastle, visit the pier or to go sea bathing. The Victorians believed that the sea air was good for you and that sea bathing would make you healthy. In the past, Victorians would visit the beach fully clothed and get changed in a 'bathing machine'. Additionally, beaches were cleaner and there was less litter than today.

Things you might see at a Victorian seaside:

Bathing Huts



Parasols



Promenade



Puppet Shows



Donkey Rides



Playing in the Sand and Sea




Human and physical features at the seaside.

A 'feature' is something that makes a place special. There are many different human and physical features at the seaside.

The term "physical features" means that they are natural. They haven't been made by humans but are found at the seaside naturally.

		
bay	beach	cliff
place where the coast bends inwards and sea fills the space	land by the edge of the sea, usually covered with sand or small stones	steep rock close to the sea
		
rockpool	sand dune	shingle
small pool of water near rocks	hills or mounds of sand held together by plants	lots of small stones by the edge of the sea

The term "human features" means that they have been made by humans. These features have been built and put at the seaside by human beings.

		
caravan site	fairground	harbour
an area filled with caravans where people can stay while on holiday	place where there are roundabouts and other rides, stalls and shows	a place where boats can stay safely in the water when not at sea
		
lighthouse	pier	promenade
a tower with a bright light that warns ships about rocks or other dangers	a structure for people to walk along that is built out into the sea	a paved public footpath along the seafront