







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.



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 place where the coast bends inwards and sea fills the space	beach land by the edge of the sea, usually covered with sand or small stones	cliff steep rock close to the sea
rockpool small pool of water near rocks	sand dune hills or mounds of sand held together by plants	shingle 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 an area filled with caravans where people can stay while on holiday	fairground place where there are roundabouts and other rides, stalls and shows	harbour a place where boats can stay safely in the water when not at sea
lighthouse a tower with a bright light that warns ships about rocks or other dangers	pier a structure for people to walk along that is built out into the sea	promenade a paved public footpath along the seafront