

History: Seaside Now and Then Knowledge Organiser

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. The seaside is located on the **coast**, which is the land next to the sea.

The seaside usually has a **beach** made of sand or stones.



Seaside holidays became popular in Victorian times. The Victorians lived over one hundred and fifty years ago during the reign of **Queen Victoria** (1837 to 1901).

The invention of the railway had a big impact on people's lives. People who had never had holidays before started travelling to the seaside on the train. The seaside became a very busy and popular place.



Victorians enjoyed bathing in the sea and felt it was good for their health. However, Victorian people thought it was rude to show too much of their bodies. So, they had special **bathing huts** to get changed in. Bathing huts were special huts on wheels. They were wheeled into the sea so people could step into the water without anyone seeing them in their bathing costumes.

There were lots of fun things to do on the beach, such as paddling, building sandcastles and going on donkey rides. There was also plenty of fun entertainment, such as fairground rides, brass bands, jugglers and magicians. **Traditional puppet shows** were very popular in Victorian times. Adults and children would crowd round to watch.



It was fashionable to go for a stroll along the **promenade** and **pier**. People stopped along the way to watch entertainment and eat food, such as ice-cream, fish and chips, **cockles** and **jellied eels**!

Victorians used special sun umbrellas called **parasols** to protect themselves from the sun. (Sun cream hadn't been invented back then!)

Physical and Human Features of the Seaside

A 'feature' is a thing that makes a place special. There are lots of features that make the seaside a special place, such as **beaches**, **cliffs**, **piers** and **lighthouses**.

Physical Features

Some features are **physical** features. This 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

Human Features

Other features are **human features**. This 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