



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.

Then



Now



Key Vocabulary

authentic	something that is original
bathing machine	The bathing machine was a device, popular from the 18th century until the early 20th century, to allow people to change out of their usual clothes, change into swimwear, and wade in the ocean at beaches.
past	Things that have already happen, sometimes along time ago.
present	Things that are happening now
parasol	a light umbrella used to give shade from the sun
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 one along the seafront at a resort.
seaside	a place by the sea, especially a beach area or holiday resort.
Victorian	the period when Queen Victorian reigned
Edwardian	The period when King Edward VII reigned.



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