

I already know...

There are similarities and differences between life in the past and life now.

Vocabulary

seaside - a place by the sea, especially a beach area or holiday resort

holiday - a period of time where you don't go to work or school, especially one spent away from home or in travelling

promenade - a pathway alongside the beach

pier - a raised platform coming out over the sea that people can walk on

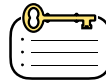
bathing machine - a wheeled hut pulled to the edge of the sea, used for changing in and bathing from

Punch and Judy - a traditional puppet show

parasol - a light umbrella used to provide shade from the sun

steam train - a train powered by steam

Key Facts

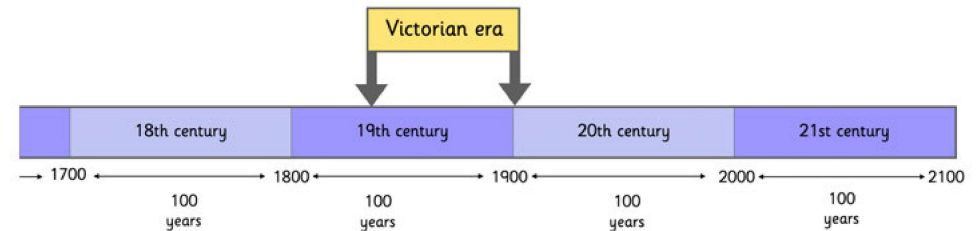


- At first, only rich people could afford to go to the seaside.
- The invention of the **steam train** and the building of the railways meant that travelling to the seaside became quicker and cheaper.
- Victorians used **bathing machines** to get changed in and step straight into the sea from.
- There are differences, but also many similarities, between Victorian seaside holidays and seaside holidays today.

Timeline



The Victorian era is **beyond living memory**. It began in 1837, when Queen Victoria came to the throne, and ended in 1901, when she died.



The Victorian era was in the **19th century**. We live in the **21st century**.

Sources

We can use these **sources** to find out about seaside holidays in the past.



photographs



paintings



letters/postcards



memories

Enquiry questions



- What were seaside holidays like in the past?
- How do we know what seaside holidays were like in the past?
- How have seaside holidays changed?
- Would you prefer a Victorian seaside holiday, or a seaside holiday now? Why?

Enquiry skills



Comparing and contrasting seaside holidays then and now:



then



now