

## Seaside Holidays - Now and Then

Most seaside holidays take place in the summer months. For over 200 years families have visited the seaside to relax, have fun on the beach and try new things.



### 1. When do most seaside holidays take place?

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In the spring.

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In the winter.

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In the summer.

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In the autumn.

### 2. Why do families visit the seaside?

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### Travelling to the Seaside

Over one hundred years ago people travelled to the seaside by steam train. Nowadays people still travel to the seaside by train but they also travel there in other ways. They may travel there by car, train or coach. People also use aeroplanes to travel to seaside places in other countries.

### 3. When did people travel to the seaside by steam train?

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Over 500 years ago.

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Over 100 years ago.

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50 years ago.

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10 years ago.

### 4. How might people travel to the seaside nowadays?

**Tick 3**

train ..... hot air balloon ..... coach .....

stage coach ..... aeroplane ..... car .....

### Where to Stay

Long ago only rich people could afford to stay at the seaside for more than one day. They stayed in large hotels by the beach. Poorer people just had day trips to the seaside. Nowadays, many more people can afford to go on longer holidays. Lots of families still stay in hotels near the beach but may also stay in caravans, tents, apartments or chalets.

### 5. Where did rich people stay long ago?

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Large hotels.

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Large caravans.

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Large chalets

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Small tents.

## 6. Where might people stay nowadays? *Tick 3*

hotels	.....	caves	.....	caravans	.....
castles	.....	shops	.....	chalets	.....

### **Food at the Seaside**

In the past people liked to buy snacks from small seaside shops known as stalls. Families enjoyed picnics on the seafront or on the beach. This still happens today.

## 7. Where do families still enjoy eating their picnics?

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### **Fashion at the Beach**

The clothes that people wear at the seaside have changed a lot. In the past, people liked to keep their bodies covered up and wear their normal clothes on the beach.

Today, it is more normal for people to wear clothes that do not cover so much of their bodies and that are more comfortable in the hot summer sun. T-shirts and shorts are a popular choice when visiting the seaside.

## 8. What did people wear on the beach a long time ago?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Trunks	<input type="checkbox"/>	Normal clothes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Swimming Costumes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bikinis

## 9. What do people like to wear today?

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### Swimming Costumes - Past and Present

Swimming costumes have also changed. In the past people thought it was rude to show their body parts, so they wore swimming costumes that covered their shoulders and legs. Bathing machines were used by people to change into their bathing costumes. These were wooden carts on wheels that were rolled into the sea for people to change in. In past times it was seen as rude for people to be seen in their bathing costumes. So they would get changed in the bathing machine then jump straight into the sea without being seen.

## 10. What did people use to change into their bathing costumes without being seen?

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Tents

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Caravans

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Chalets

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Bathing machines

## 11. Why did people wear swimming costumes that covered their shoulders and legs?

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Today, swimming costumes are much shorter and come in many different styles and colours.

## **12. What are swimming costumes like today?**

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### **Seaside Activities**

The beach has always been a fun place for children. Long ago they used to build sandcastles with buckets and spades made of metal. Nowadays, buckets and spades are made of plastic.

For over 100 years, children have enjoyed watching Punch and Judy shows and taking donkey rides. You can still find these at the seaside today!

## **13. What were buckets and spades made out of long ago?**

Plastic

Rubber

Metal

Sand

## **14. What do children enjoy watching at the seaside?**

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Not many children in the past knew how to swim and would have paddled in the sea. Nowadays, many more children are able to swim because they can have swimming lessons.

**15. Why can more children swim nowadays?**

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Can you draw a super sandcastle?