



Wish you were here!

How were holidays in the past similar and different to today?



Key Vocabulary	
Afford	When you have the money to pay for something.
Horse and carriage	A 4 wheeled vehicle pulled by horses.
Invented	To create or design something new.
Pollution	Gas, smoke and chemicals in the air that are bad for humans.
Steam train	A train that is powered by a steam engine.
Victorian	The time when Queen Victoria was on the throne (1837-1901).

General Knowledge

Who went to the seaside in Victorian times?
 Going to the seaside used to be something only rich people could afford because they travelled in expensive horse and carriages. In Victorian times, the steam train was invented which made it easier for ordinary people. It was cheap and quick. More and more railway lines were laid to different beaches in Britain.

Why did people go to the seaside?
 During the Victorian times, lots of new factories were being built in cities which meant the cities became crowded and dirty. Lots of people who lived in towns and cities got ill because of the pollution and diseases that were spread. Going to the seaside was a good way of getting away from the busy towns to breathe the fresh, clean air and enjoy the sea and the sand.

General Knowledge

What did they do at the seaside in Victorian times?
 To attract visitors, lots of seaside towns built piers out into the sea, People enjoyed strolling along them to breathe in the fresh, healthy sea air. People watched Punch and Judy puppet shows, ate ice cream, rode donkeys, built sandcastles and ate fish and chips. Not many people could swim in Victorian times - they could only paddle in the sea.

Popular seaside resorts

- Blackpool
- Scarborough
- Llandudno
- Brighton

A Comparison: Then and Now

	Then	Now
Travel	People went by train to the seaside.	People usually go by car to the seaside.
Food	People liked to eat fish and chips. Ice cream was also popular.	People like to eat fish and chips. Ice cream vans are still seen by the beach.
Activities	People liked to have a donkey ride on the beach, or walk on the promenade to listen to a band.	People still enjoy donkey rides on the beach. They also like to go to the funfair or play on the arcade machines.
Clothing	People did not like to show their skin. They often went into the sea fully-clothed.	People wear shorts, costumes or bikinis in the water. Some people wear wetsuits to protect themselves from the sun.



Fun Fact
 A lot of people didn't own their own swimming costumes so they had to hire them!

