



Wish you were here!

Summer 2

How were holidays in the past similar and different to today?
How has transport changed where we go on holiday?



Key Vocabulary	
Privileged	Having more things and a better chance at life than other people.
Steam train	A train powered by coal, fire and water.
Lido	An outdoor swimming pool.
Promenade	A wide path by the sea where people walk.
Affordable	When you have the money to pay for something.
Holiday camp	A place where people on holiday can stay and different types of entertainment are provided for them.
Package holiday	A holiday where you book flights and hotel together (sometimes includes food and drink).

Holidays before the 1920s
Before the 1920s, holidays were for the privileged and rich but by the 1920s and 1930s for large numbers of people it became a way of life.

Holidays in the 1920s and 1930s
In the 1920s and 1930s, ordinary people could visit the seaside because trains were affordable. Many people visited the seaside on day trips on steam trains. Lido's, cinemas, piers and hotels were appearing all along sea fronts and Billy Butlin opened his first holiday in Skegness in 1936.

Holidays in the 1950s and 1960s
The 1950s and 1960s were the golden age of the holiday camp. After the war, there was a great rush to the coast. Holiday camps became very popular because they were affordable, there was lots of food and entertainment (even when it was raining!)

Holidays in the 1970s and 1980s
In the 1970s and 1980s, there was the introduction of cheaper air travel and package holidays. Package holidays allowed people to book flights and hotels altogether. Spain became a very popular holiday destination.



Fun Fact
Punch and Judy puppet shows became popular at the seaside in the 1920s but can still be seen in seaside resorts to this day.

