

Would you prefer a seaside holiday in Victorian times or today?

Key vocabulary

Sea bathing - going in the sea fully clothed in a special bathing suit.

Promenading - a leisurely walk, especially in a public place.

Beach - the land at the edge of a lake, ocean, or other body of water. A beach slopes gently toward the water and usually has sand or pebbles.

Beach Hut - a small, wooden and often brightly coloured, box on popular bathing beaches. They are used as a shelter from the sun or wind, changing into and out of swimming costumes and for the safe storing of some personal belongings.

Differences - somethings that are not the same.

Queen Victoria

- Queen Victoria was Queen of the United Kingdom from 1837 until her death in 1901. She became Queen when she was just 18 years old.
- Victoria married her cousin, Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha (an area of Germany) in 1840.
- They had nine children together.
- Prince Albert died of an illness in 1861. Victoria was so sad that she spent the rest of her life wearing black, a sign of mourning.
- Victoria's reign of 63 years and seven months and was the longest of any British monarch.



Seaside holidays now.



- ◆ Lots of people travel abroad on holiday.
- ◆ There is more rubbish left on the beach. Do you know the reason for this?
- ◆ Can you think of any things that have not changed since Victorian times?

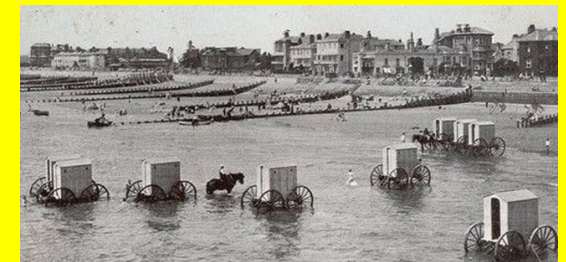
STICKY LEARNING

Can you remember the four compass points?

Can you think of a rhyme to remember them?

Victorian holidays

- ◇ Seaside holidays in Victorian times were very different. Most Victorians would go to a British seaside town, such as Blackpool, because flying to another country wasn't an option. Do you know why they did not travel abroad?
- ◇ Sunbathing wasn't in fashion back then, so Victorians would go to the beach fully clothed. 'Sea bathing' was done instead.
- ◇ Some beaches were divided for men and women. That meant that there was only a part of the beach you were allowed on.
- ◇ In Victorian times, they had '**bathing machines**.' These were carriages in which the women would change into their bathing costumes. A horse would then pull it towards the sea and the women would lower themselves into it without being seen.
- ◇ During the nineteenth century seaside holidays were very popular with everyone who could afford them. Holidaymakers would stay in hotels on the sea front. As well as bathing in the sea, the Victorians would go promenading.



1800

Queen Victoria was born

1900

She died in 1901

2000

Challenge

Can you add when you were born onto the timeline?

Today