

Oh I do like to be beside the seaside!



Where have you been on holiday in the UK?

Can you locate this seaside town on the map?

Did you know?

- There are many different types of coast. They may be sandy, rocky, muddy or covered in shingle.
- Rockpools can be full of interesting creatures such as crabs, snails, sea urchins and anemone.
- Many different habitats can be found at the seaside.
- The tide rises and falls each and every day.
- Dinosaur fossils have been found on the coastal region named the Jurassic Coast.
- Shelled animals, such as mussels and barnacles attach themselves firmly to rocks and can withstand the biggest and strongest waves.

Key Vocabulary

City	A large town.
Coast	The part of the land near the sea.
Country	A large area of land controlled by a government.
Island	A piece of land surrounded by the sea.
Sea	Salt water covering most of the Earth's surface.
Bay	A place where the coast bends inwards and the sea fills the space.
Cliff	A steep rock face close to the edge of the sea.
Harbour	A place by the seaside where boats can stay safely in the water.
Port	A place where boats are loaded with cargo before making long journeys.
Pier	A structure for people to walk along that is built out into the sea.



The Seaside Now

- Today many people in Britain go to other countries for their summer holiday. Some people go to places such as Spain, Greece and Portugal.
- Seaside holidays in the UK are still popular and seaside towns such as Blackpool, Skegness, Falmouth, Great Yarmouth and Newquay have thousands of visitors each year.
- People still ride donkeys, eat ice creams, make sandcastles and enjoy the fairground rides at each seaside resort.
- When people visit the beaches now they spend more time in the sea; swimming, wind surfing and paddle boarding as well as using jet skis, pedalos and speed boats.



The Seaside Then

- Most Victorians would go to a British seaside, such as Blackpool because flying to another country wasn't an option. They believed that the seaside air was good for you.
- 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.
- Beaches were a lot cleaner back then as packaged foods and snacks were not as common.
- Bathing Machines 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 the water without being seen.

