

Key Facts



- At first, only rich people could afford to go to the seaside.
- The invention of the **steam train** and the building of the railways meant that travelling to the seaside became quicker and cheaper.
- Victorians used **bathing machines** to get changed in and step straight into the sea from.
- There are differences, but also many similarities, between Victorian seaside holidays and seaside holidays today.

How have seaside holidays changed?

Sources

We can use these **sources** to find out about seaside holidays in the past.



photographs



paintings



letters/postcards



memories

Enquiry skills



Comparing and contrasting seaside holidays then and now:



then



now

Vocabulary



seaside - a place by the sea, especially a beach area or holiday resort

holiday - a period of time where you don't go to work or school, especially one spent away from home or in travelling

promenade - a pathway alongside the beach

pier - a raised platform coming out over the sea that people can walk on

bathing machine - a wheeled hut pulled to the edge of the sea, used for changing in and bathing from

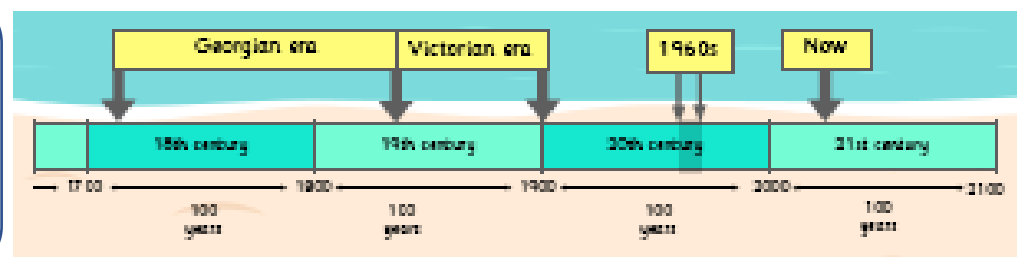
Punch and Judy - a traditional puppet show

parasol - a light umbrella used to provide shade from the sun

steam train - a train powered by steam



When something has happened more than 100 years ago, we call this **beyond living memory**.



When something has happened less than 100 years ago, we call this **within living memory**.