

Why do we love to live by the seaside?

1. What is a Victorian person?

Victorians are people who lived during the reign of Queen Victoria.

2. Why did Victorians visit the seaside?

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 into male and female sections. Beaches were a lot cleaner back then as there were not as many packaged foods and snacks.



Features of the seaside:

Lighthouse

Beach

Sea

Pier

Cliff

Promenade

Harbour

Shop Cave

Rock pools

Bay

Tides

Waves

Sand



3. Why else might we visit the seas side now?

These days, there are lots of attractions at the sea-side and people visit for lots of different reasons, such as water sports, to visit arcades, meet friends, eat local foods and engage in adventure activities.

4. Can you describe three differences between a seaside in Victorian times, to now?

Seaside holidays have changed lots over the years. They started to become more popular with people who were not so rich after the invention of the railway in the 1840s. More hotels were built for people to stay in and the beach became a well-liked place.

	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.

