

Oh I do like to be  
beside the seaside!



Seaside



Bathing machines

Key vocabulary	
seaside	a place by the sea, especially a beach area or holiday resort.
Punch and Judy	a traditional puppet show in which the main character Punch argues comically with his wife Judy.
sunbathing	the activity of sitting or lying in the sun, especially to tan the skin.
bathing machines	a wheeled hut drawn to the edge of the sea, used for changing in.



Punch and Judy show

### Key facts.

- Reasons for holidays in the past were nearly always health related.
- Seawater was considered to have a beneficial effect on health and cure diseases.
- Many people would go to the seaside for a holiday as flying wasn't an option.
- The railways developed so more people began to travel further and visit seaside resorts.
- Not many people sunbathed.
- Women would use bathing machines to change into their swimming costume.
- People would watch Punch and Judy shows and walk along the promenade to watch a show, hear a band or sit and rest.
- Punch and Judy shows can be seen today but very rarely at the beach.
- Beaches were a lot cleaner during the Victorian times as there were not many packaged foods or snacks.

- In the past people would be covered and wear their clothes on the beach. They did not have shorts and T shirts to wear.
- Bucket and spades would be very heavy to carry. They were made from metal, tin and wood.
- Donkey rides, entertainment and carousels on the pier are still popular today.

### A comparison: Then and Now

	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.
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.