

LET'S READ "SEASIDE HOLIDAYS IN THE PAST"

Vocabulary

Match the words with the pictures

Donkey rides - suntan - seaside – bathing machine – railway – bathing costume – sunbathing – seaside resort

















1 Read

A. Listen and read.

SEASIDE HOLIDAYS in the past

Today, when people want to go on a seaside holiday, they take a train, plane, ship or drive to a seaside resort. They spend all day swimming, sunbathing and doing water sports. But it wasn't like that in the past.

Before the railway, people didn't travel much. But in the 1840s there were trains all over Britain, so a day trip or even a week at the seaside became easy.

Of course, seaside holidays were very different from today. People wore all their clothes on the beach because they didn't want a suntan. When women wanted to go into the water, they wore bathing costumes. These costumes looked like dresses.



On the beach people used bathing machines. They used them as a place to change their clothes. When they were ready, a horse pulled the bathing machine near the sea and they entered the water.

In the past, there wasn't much to do on the beach. Not many people knew how to swim, so they just walked in the water. Walks on the beach were popular, too, and some beaches even had donkey rides.

Read again and write T for True or F for False.

1. A day trip to the seaside was easy before the 1840s. ☐
2. People wore all their clothes on the beach. ☐
3. Women's bathing costumes were like dresses. ☐
4. People changed their clothes in bathing machines. ☐
5. Everyone knew how to swim in the past. ☐

Read the text carefully and answer the following questions. Choose the correct option (A, B, or C).

Literal Questions

1. How do people travel to seaside resorts today?

- A) By train, plane, ship, or car.
- B) By walking along the railway.
- C) Only by train.

2. What activities do people do at the seaside today?

- A) Walk on the beach and ride donkeys.
- B) Swim, sunbathe, and do water sports.
- C) Use bathing machines to change.

3. When did trains start to make seaside trips easier?

- A) In the 1840s.
- B) In the 1900s.
- C) After 1850.

4. Why did people wear all their clothes on the beach in the past?

- A) Because it was too cold.
- B) Because they didn't want a suntan.
- C) Because they didn't know how to swim.

5. What did women wear to go into the water?

- A) Swimsuits like today.
- B) Bathing costumes that looked like dresses.
- C) Nothing special, just their regular clothes.

6. What did people use bathing machines for?

- A) For swimming
- B) For changing clothes
- C) For sleeping

Inferential Questions

1. Why didn't people go to the seaside much before the 1840s?

- A) They didn't like the beach.
- B) There weren't many trains to travel with.
- C) The beaches were too far away from cities.

2. Why were seaside holidays different in the past?

- A) Because people didn't travel much and had different beach customs.
- B) Because people loved getting suntans and swimming all day.
- C) Because there were many water sports like today.

3. What can we infer about people's swimming skills in the past?

- A) Most people didn't know how to swim.
- B) Everyone was a good swimmer.
- C) People took swimming lessons on the beach.

4. Why did people use bathing machines?

- A) To store their beach equipment.
- B) To change their clothes in privacy.
- C) To ride them in the water for fun.