

**L.O: To understand when and why the seaside became popular.
I can explain why people decided to go to the seaside.
I know when the seaside became a popular place to visit.
I understand why only certain groups of people went to the seaside.**

Key vocabulary:

18th Century: all the years between 1701 and 1800, so about 300 years ago!



Popular: when something or someone is liked by many people.

Resort: a place people visit for a holiday.



Stream: a small, narrow river.



Acidic water: water that is not safe to drink.

Minor ailments: a small illness that will usually get better on its own or with self care.

Health cure: something that makes an illness better.

When and why did the Seaside begin to become popular?

During the **18th century**, seaside holidays began.

The first British seaside **resort** was in **Scarborough**.

The town became popular when a **stream of acidic water** was found on one of the southern cliffs.

It was believed that the water helped to treat **minor ailments**.

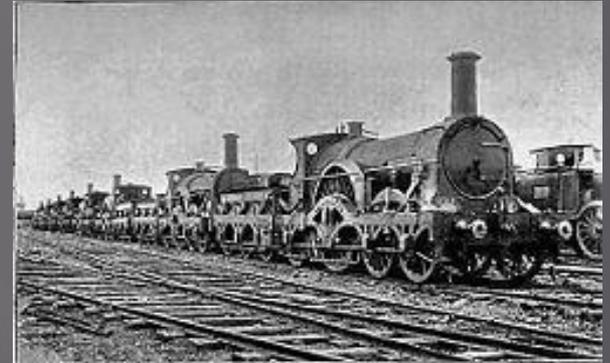
As a result, the seaside was first recommended as a **health cure**.

Watch this video starting at 2:17 minutes until 3:15 minutes.
[Scarborough Guide and History](#)



Why did the Seaside begin to become popular?

Scarborough and other seaside towns such as one found in Brighton, became even more popular after the invention of the railways because it was a cheaper way of traveling which meant a wider range of people could visit the seaside.



As a result of this, more hotels were built. Beaches became popular too. Bathing machines were made available for people to get changed in. This encouraged more people to come to the seaside.



The royal family also helped make the seaside popular as they would often visit the seaside which encouraged others to also visit the seaside.

Who used to go to the seaside?



During the 18th century, seaside holidays were seen as a luxury for the wealthiest people. As a result, only the upper class visited the seaside in their leisure time.

King George IV enjoyed visiting the seaside and in 1815, he transformed his home into a palace by the sea. Part of his home has now been turned into a museum.

Queen Victoria and Prince Albert also enjoyed spending time at the seaside and built a summer house there.



Skills Activity

Answer these questions in full sentences in your exercise book or on paper:

1. What is the name of the first British seaside?
2. Write two reasons the seaside became a popular place to visit.
3. Who used to visit the seaside?
4. How did people get to the seaside? Why did they travel in this way?

Here is an example of how you can start your sentences:

The name of the first British seaside is...

Two reasons the seaside became a popular place is...

Core and Extension Activity

Answer these questions in full sentences in your exercise book or on paper:

1. In which century did the British seaside become popular?
2. What is the name of the first British seaside?
3. Why was this seaside popular?
4. Explain at least two other reasons why seaside became a popular place to visit.
5. Who used to visit the seaside? Explain why this is.

Here is an example of how you can start your sentences:

The British seaside became popular in the...

The name of the first British seaside is...