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- In the United Kingdom no one lives more than 130Km from the sea.
- **Weymouth** was the first seaside resort in Britain and was established more than **200 years ago**.
- The **railways helped** to travel further and visit seaside resorts.
- **Holidays in the past** were nearly always **health related**. **Seawater** was considered to have a beneficial effect on health and **cure diseases**.
- Women would use **bathing machines** to change into their **swimming costume**.
- **In the past** people would be **covered** and **wear their clothes** to the beach.
- People would watch **Punch and Judy** shows and walk along the **promenade** to watch a show, hear a band or sit and rest.
- The song '**Oh, I do love to be beside the seaside**' was first recorded more than **100 years ago**.
- **Most British seaside** resorts are famous for their **fish and chips** which were served in newspapers until the 1980s.



Key Vocabulary

fairground	An outdoor area where you can ride on various attractions. Often by the sea.
postcards	A card for sending a message to someone without an envelope.
resort	A seaside resort is a town or place where people go on holiday by the sea.
lifeboat	A specially made boat aimed at rescuing people stranded in the sea.
Beach hut	A small wooden hut that is usually found close to a beach.
Hokipoke	The name of an ice-cream eaten out of paper.
Punch and Judy	A funny puppet show from the Victorian times.