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Read the Information Sheet carefully and then complete these sentences about why seaside holidays became popular, using the words in the word box.

1. Rich people used to travel to the seaside in a _____ pulled by _____.
2. Before steam trains, only _____ people could afford to go to the seaside.
3. The steam train was invented in _____ times.
4. Ordinary people used steam trains to get to the seaside because they were _____ and _____.
5. Towns and cities were very _____ and _____ in Victorian times because there were lots of new factories.
6. People wanted to get away from the dirty _____ so they could enjoy the sea and the _____ of the seaside.

Victorian	fresh air
cheap	horses
busy	dirty
carriage	quick
rich	cities



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Read the Information Sheet carefully and then answer these questions about why seaside holidays became popular.

How did rich people used to travel to the seaside?

Why couldn't poorer people go to the seaside before steam trains were invented?

When did ordinary people start going to the seaside for holidays?

Explain how steam trains helped to make seaside holidays popular:

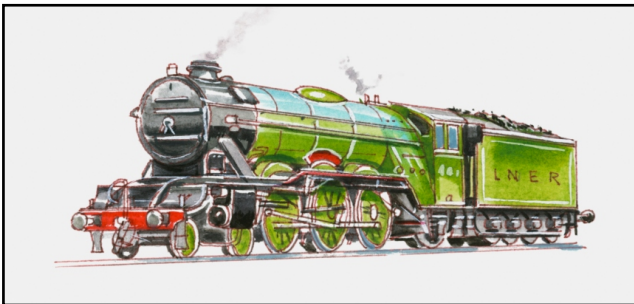
Why were people keen to get away from the cities at this time?

Why did seaside holidays become popular?

Going to the seaside used to be something that only rich people could do. They could travel in their expensive carriage and spend a few weeks or even a few months by the sea. Poorer people couldn't do this as they couldn't afford the trip or take the time away from their work as travelling by carriage took a long time.



A horse and carriage for a rich family



A Victorian steam train

In Victorian times, the steam train was invented which made travel easier for ordinary people. It was cheap and quick. More and more railway lines were laid to different beaches in Britain.

This meant that lots of people could now travel to the seaside for a day trip or a week's holiday. Soon, seaside holidays became very popular.

During this time, lots of new factories and machines were being built in the cities which meant the cities became crowded and dirty. Lots of people who lived in towns and cities got ill because of the pollution and diseases that were spread. Going to the seaside was a good way of getting away from the busy towns to breathe the fresh, clean air and enjoy the sea and the sand.



A Victorian family at the seaside