



Welcome to Linguaspectrum

Photo Explorer

At the seaside

sand

bucket and spade

deckchair

windbreak

donkey

sandcastle

sea wall

hotel

bridge

seaside

It's a bit chilly at the seaside, so most people are wrapped up.

Only the children, building sandcastles with their buckets and spades, are wearing swimming costumes.

The adults are lounging in their deckchairs or sheltering behind windbreaks.

Donkey rides are a popular form of seaside entertainment in Britain.

People holiday in places like Scarborough for a week or two and stay in one of the many hotels.

The best hotels are like this one with a sea view and close to the beaches.

Fish and chips are one of the most popular meals at the seaside. The fish is fried in a thick coat of batter.

The sea is a bit too cold to swim in, but people enjoy paddling in the shallow water.

It's rare to see the sun at the seaside. Most of the time it's cloudy and cold.

Scarborough is a popular seaside town on the north-east coast of England.

Vocabulary

bridge – noun – a structure built to pass from one point to another over an intervening obstacle.

bucket and spade – noun – a child's toy with which they can build sandcastles, place water, dig holes in the sand...

cloudy – adjective – when the sky is covered in the white to dark grey formations of water called clouds.

deckchair – noun – a wooden-framed chair with canvas stretched over it to support the body.

donkey – noun – a animal like a horse but smaller and stockier.

hotel – noun – a building that provides accomodation, food, and other facilities for payment.

sand – noun – the eroded pieces of various rocks that form the soft ground next to the sea.

sand – verb – to smooth the surface of something, particularly wood, with sand paper (paper with sand stuck to it)

sandcastle – noun – sand compressed in a bucket, tipped out onto the sand with out breaking, to look like a small castle.

sea wall – noun – a strong wall of rock that protects the coast from erosion by the sea or from flooding.

seaside – noun – a British English term for any part of the land that meets the sea.

windbreak – noun – a canvas screen supported by poles driven into the ground. Designed to protect you from the wind.

Supplementary vocabulary

batter – noun – a coating applied to food before frying. It is made of milk, eggs and flour, and turns crispy and golden when fried.

chilly – adjective – an informal word for cold.

coat – noun – short for coating.

fried – verb – the verb **to fry** – to cook in very hot oil.

lounging – verb – the verb **to lounge** – sit around in a comfortable position.

paddling – verb – the verb **to paddle** – to walk in water up to your knees.

rare – adjective – unusual. Not common.

sea view – noun – an unobstructed view of the sea.

shallow – adjective – describes water that is only a few centimetres deep.

sheltering – verb – to take refuge behind something. To get protection from something unpleasant.

swimming costume – noun – clothing worn for swimming or for sunbathing when it's hot.

wrapped up – phrasal verb – to wear clothing against the cold.