

Word on the Street Seaside Entertainment

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Put the activities into the correct categories.

- playing football
- building sandcastles
- sunbathing
- watching a Punch and Judy puppet show
- playing arcade games
- riding donkeys
- going sailing
- catching Frisbees
- going on the swings

Traditional seaside activities

Modern seaside activities

General park activities

Activity 2

Select the correct answers for the following questions.

1. Where is the longest pier in the world?
 - a) Blackpool
 - b) Southend
 - c) London
2. Why were piers so popular 100 years ago?
 - a) People could imagine they were on a ship.
 - b) The piers had a lot of arcade games on them.
 - c) Piers connected different places to each other.
3. Mr Punch is _____.
 - a) nice
 - b) cute
 - c) bad
4. The puppeteer's favourite character is _____.
 - a) the crocodile
 - b) Mr Punch
 - c) Judy

5. Playing arcade games _____.
- makes you a better athlete
 - improves your hand–eye coordination
 - greatly improves your physical fitness
6. Computer simulators are useful for _____.
- improving your physical ability
 - practising skills
 - becoming a better tennis player
7. Nick insists that visitors to Blackpool must _____.
- visit the pier
 - watch a Punch and Judy show
 - try a boiled sugar sweet called a

Blackpool rock

Discussion

- What do you like about towns by the sea? / What do you dislike?
- Do you think the types of activities which are popular now are the same as those popular 100 years ago? Why?/Why not?
- Do you like computer games? Why?/Why not?

Discuss these questions with another student or post a comment on the LearnEnglish website.

Answers

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riding donkeys

watching a Punch and Judy puppet show

Modern seaside activities

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going sailing

sunbathing

General park activities

playing football

catching Frisbees

going on the swings

Activity 2

1. b) Southend
2. a) People could imagine they were on a ship.
3. c) bad
4. a) the crocodile
5. b) improves your hand–eye coordination
6. b) practising skills
7. c) try a boiled sugar sweet called a Blackpool rock