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

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Modern seaside activities

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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 ___________.
   a) makes you a better athlete
   b) improves your hand–eye coordination
   c) greatly improves your physical fitness

6. Computer simulators are useful for ___________.
   a) improving your physical ability
   b) practising skills
   c) becoming a better tennis player

7. Nick insists that visitors to Blackpool must ___________.
   a) visit the pier
   b) watch a Punch and Judy show
   c) 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

Activity 1

Traditional seaside activities
- building sandcastles
- riding donkeys
- watching a Punch and Judy puppet show

Modern seaside activities
- playing arcade games
- 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