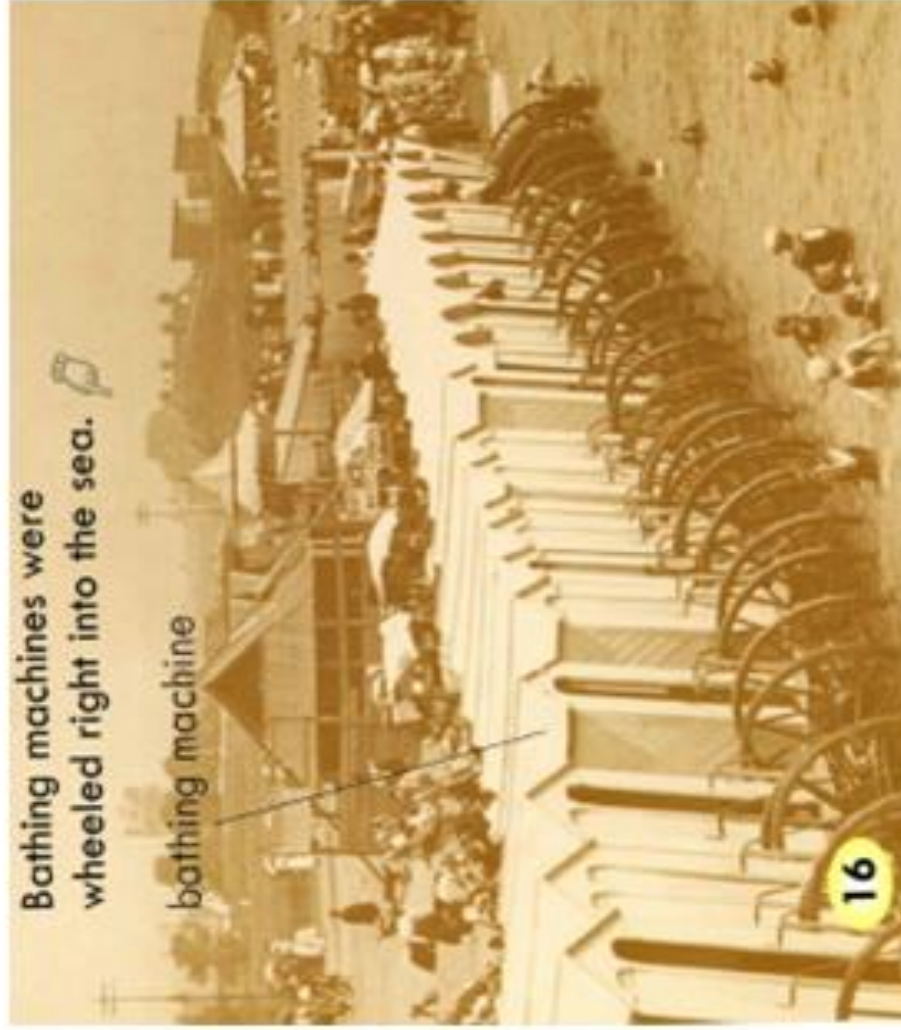


Going for a swim

Around 100 years ago people thought that bathing in the sea was healthy. Even people who could not swim went in for a dip in the sea. They changed into their swimsuits in wooden huts on wheels called **bathing machines**. The people did not like to show off their bodies, so people changed inside bathing machines so nobody could see their bodies.



The huts on wheels are Victorian bathing machines. Look for the horses that pulled the machines into the sea so people could swim in private.



Going for a swim

Swimwear

A hundred years ago people kept themselves covered at the beach. Most people only wore swimsuits to go swimming. Gradually people wore fewer clothes and swimwear became more comfortable.

Date: 1912



Two children wear swimsuits almost down to their knees. The rest remain fully dressed.

Date: 1942



A boy wears a swimsuit made of wool. Boys, as well as girls, wore swimsuits with straps in the 1930s and 1940s.



These bathing suits are from 1876. With their short sleeves and legs, they are quite daring!





Going for a swim on holiday



In the past

Today

In the past they would do and wear....

Today we would do and wear....
