

# Blackpool

## PART 1 – Ashlie & Stephen

**Ex. 1** Watch two short films about Ashlie and Stephen spending their free time in Blackpool. Prepare to talk about what happened during their stay. Use the questions below to help you organize your speech.

### Blackpool Scene 1

Link to the video: <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/blackpool/blackpool-scene-1>

1. Where were Ashlie & Stephen?
2. What was this place called Blackpool?
3. What were the feelings of people who had ridden on a merry-go-round?
4. Was Ashlie scared of riding on a carousel?
5. What kind of ride did she choose?

### Blackpool Scene 2

Link to the video: <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/blackpool/blackpool-scene-2>

1. What did Stephen do with pocket money when he was a kid?
2. What is Blackpool famous for?
3. How were Stephen & Ashlie doing with dancing?
4. What did Ashlie & Stephen want to eat?
5. Were they successful in searching for the right place to eat?

## PART 2 – Seaside Entertainment

**Ex. 2** Watch the video and prepare answers to the questions below.

Link to the video: <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/blackpool/seaside-entertainment>

1. What entertainments can you find in seaside towns like Blackpool?
2. What are these towns famous for?
3. Why was the pier an important part of seaside entertainment?
4. What is *Punch and Judy* show about?
5. Who is Martin's favourite character?
6. What modern attractions are in Blackpool?
7. Can playing on a computer make someone better at sport?
8. Can playing a computer game improve other skills?

## **PART 3 – VOCABULARY**

**Ex. 3.1** Look at the glossary in the form of infographics below which will definitely help you with learning new vocabulary.



**AMUSEMENT ARCADE**



**BALLROOM DANCING**



**COMPUTER SIMULATOR**



**MERRY-GO-ROUND = CAROUSEL  
= ROUNDABOUT**



**SURGEONS**



**SEASIDE TOWN**



**POCKET MONEY**



**STICK OF ROCK**



**THEME PARK = AMUSEMENT PARK**



**TO FISH (WITH A FISHING ROD)  
= GO FISHING**

**Ex. 3.2** Find synonyms for the given words. Match the words from column A with column B.

**Column A**

1. be starving
2. to have a go at (doing) sth
3. entertainment
4. naughty
5. to run away
6. to feature
7. to affect
8. to improve
9. substitute
10. to go past
11. blimey!

**Column B**

- a) to try to do sth
- b) to present
- c) misbehaving, disobedient
- d) oh man!
- e) to be better
- f) an alternative, a replacement
- g) be very hungry
- h) to influence
- i) to flee, to escape
- j) amusement
- h) to pass

**Ex. 3.3** Fill in the gaps with suitable words and expression from Ex. 3.2.

1. Would you like to ..... parachuting? I've heard that it's a thrilling experience.
2. Stop being ..... and behave yourself! I'm fed up with your behaviour.
3. Let's go to the restaurant, shall we? I haven't eaten anything since the morning and now .....
4. ....! I've broken this ancient vase which was given to us by uncle John.
5. My dog grabbed its bone and ..... I hope it'll come back soon.
6. When you go to the chemist's, you can always ask for a ..... for your medication. It might be even cheaper.
7. 'Excuse me. Where is the nearest bank?' 'Turn left and ..... the cinema.'
8. If you want to ..... your English significantly, you should go to one of English-speaking countries and spend there some time.
9. Don't you think that violent behaviour can ..... young people in a bad way?
10. This painting features some characteristic traits of impressionism.
11. Television is their only ..... They never go out because they love staying at home.

**Ex. 3.4** Complete the sentences with appropriate prepositions.

1. He got on the train and waved ..... me from the window.
2. Do you want to have a look ..... other goods and services available in our company?
3. Josh seems to be a daredevil but in fact he's scared ..... heights.
4. I've already spent my whole wage ..... stupid things.
5. At my university students come from all ..... the world.
6. I'm really sorry ..... the mess. I haven't had time to tidy up.
7. The island is home ..... only 150 people.
8. Seaside towns are famous ..... their piers and many modern attractions for the youngest children.
9. Andrew is usually quite obedient but ..... times he can be naughty.
10. Oh no! I've dropped my favourite plate ..... the floor.
11. It's such a sunny day. What about going ..... the beach?
12. I think you can be much better ..... physics provided that you spend more time on learning at home.
13. When you're a vegetarian, you have to find another food as a substitute ..... meat.
14. Amusement arcade is a well-liked place ..... entertainment.
15. Would you like to have a go ..... practising ..... a computer simulator?

## **PART 4 – Speaking**

**Ex. 4** Discuss the following questions with your partner.

1. Do you enjoy going to theme parks?
2. What did you use to spend your pocket money on when you were a child?
3. What do you think about ballroom dancing?
4. Do you prefer summer holiday to winter holiday?
5. What do you usually do during your holiday?
6. Have you ever been to amusement arcade? What do you think about this place?
7. Did you use to play on a computer when you were a child?
8. What are the differences between contemporary childhood and your childhood?