

The Great Fire of London Quiz Cards

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When did the Great Fire of London start?

- a** 1st September 1666
- b** 2nd September 1666
- c** 2nd August 1666



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The fire started in what kind of shop?

- a** A pie shop
- b** A clothes shop
- c** A bakery



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Name the owner of the shop where the fire started.

- a** Thomas Farriner
- b** Thomas Baker
- c** Samuel Pepys



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The fire started...

- a** in the afternoon;
- b** at night;
- c** at lunchtime.



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At the time, there was another problem in the city of London. What was it?

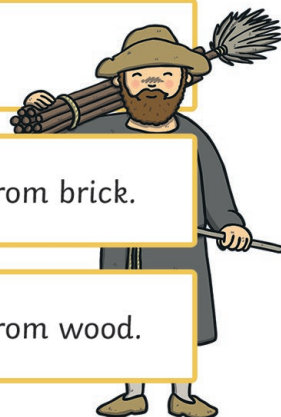
- a** People were dying of the plague.
- b** Everyone was rich.
- c** There were too many dogs around.



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Why did the fire spread so quickly?

- a** Because the houses were so tall.
- b** Because the houses were made from brick.
- c** Because the houses were made from wood.



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What does it mean if a house had a thatched roof?

- a** The roof was made from wood.
- b** The roof was made from straw.
- c** The roof was made from tar.



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As there was no fire service, how did people try to put the fire out?

- a** They used leather buckets and water from the River Thames.
- b** They used leather buckets and collected rainwater.
- c** They used metal buckets and turned the taps on in their houses.



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Samuel Pepys wrote a diary. What did he write about?

- a** He wrote about the weather.
- b** He wrote about his shopping.
- c** He wrote about the fire.



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What did Samuel Pepys do when he realised how bad the fire was?

- a** He went to the pub.
- b** He went to tell the king.
- c** He went to bed.



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Samuel Pepys buried something in his garden to keep it safe from the fire. What was it?

- a** a photo album
- b** a bag
- c** a cheese



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How many people are said to have died in the Great Fire?

- a 2 people
- b 4 people
- c 10 people



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Why did the King order that the houses that had not been destroyed by the fire, should be exploded using gunpowder?

- a To stop the fire spreading any further.
- b To make people upset.
- c To test out the gunpowder.



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Which animal had been spreading the plague?

- a dogs
- b cats
- c rats



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Which important building was destroyed by the fire?

- a The King's palace
- b St Paul's Cathedral
- c The Tower of London



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What date did the fire end?

- a** 4th September 1666
- b** 6th September 1666
- c** 6th October 1666



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What law did the king make after the fire?

- a** No one was allowed to light a fire.
- b** No one was allowed to build a house.
- c** No one was allowed to have a thatched roof.

