

# The Great Fire of London Quiz



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When did the Great Fire of London start?

**a**

1<sup>st</sup> September 1666

**b**

2<sup>nd</sup> September 1666

**c**

2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

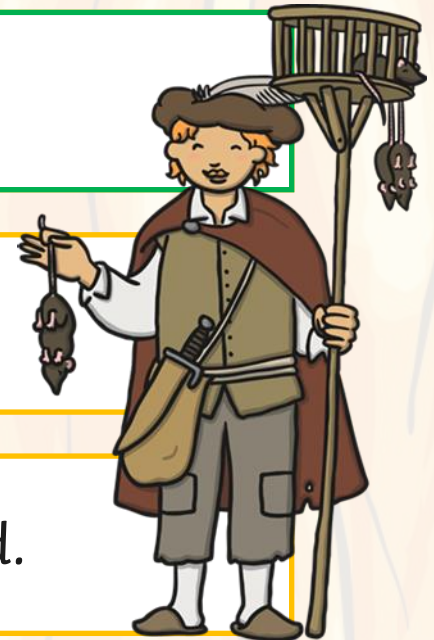
People were dying of the plague.

**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**

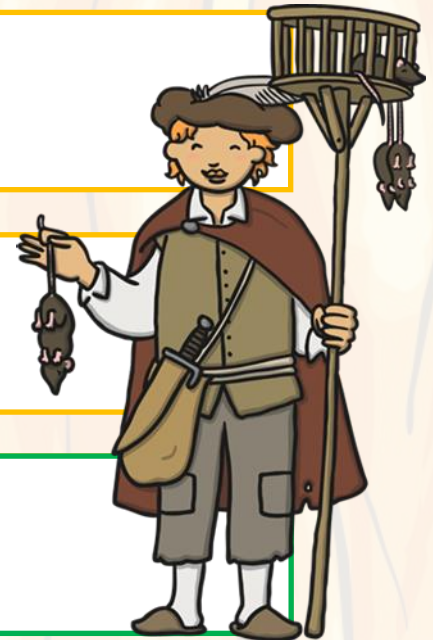
He wrote about the weather.

**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**

6 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**

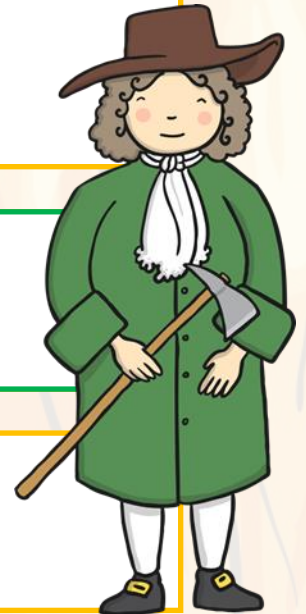
The King's palace

**b**

St Paul's Cathedral

**c**

The Tower of London



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What date did the fire end?

**a**

4<sup>th</sup> September 1666

**b**

6<sup>th</sup> September 1666

**c**

6<sup>th</sup> 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.



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