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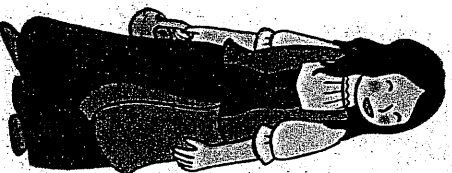
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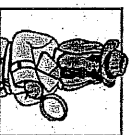
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Quick Questions



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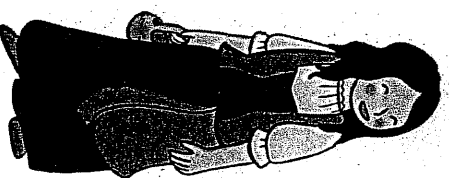
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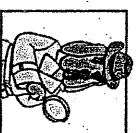
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Answers



1. What can Sally see from the upstairs windows?
houses being pulled down to stop the fire spreading



2. What do you think the servants are planning to do with the leather buckets?
Accept any inferential answer based on the text e.g. They are going to use the buckets to collect water to help put out the fire.



3. Can you find an exclamation sentence in the text?
What an awful tragedy this is!



4. What do you think will happen to Sally on Tuesday?
Accept any sensible prediction, e.g. I think she will travel away from the fire.

London's Burning

- 6 Bread is burning, bread is burning.
- 12 Call the baker, call the baker.
- 16 Fire, fire! Fire, fire!
- 22 Fetch the water, fetch the water.
- 26 Houses burning, houses burning.
- 32 Flames are growing, flames are growing.
- 36 Fire, fire! Fire, fire!
- 42 Pour on water, pour on water.
- 48 Streets are burning, streets are burning.
- 54 Wind is blowing, wind is blowing.
- 58 Fire, fire! Fire, fire!
- 64 Fetch more water, fetch more water.
- 68 London's burning, London's burning.
- 74 Call the engine, call the engine.
- 78 Fire, fire! Fire, fire!
- 84 Pour on water, pour on water.
- 90 Wind is stopping, wind is stopping.
- 96 Flames are dying, flames are dying.
- 102 No more fire! No more fire!
- 108 Dry the water, dry the water.

Quick Questions



1. Who is the first person that is called in the poem?



2. What effect has the poet created by repeating the phrase 'Fire, fire!'?



3. Can you order the events of the poem using the numbers 1-4?

☐ houses are burning

☐ London's burning

☐ bread is burning

☐ streets are burning

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Answers



1. Who is the first person that is called in the poem?
the baker



2. What effect has the poet created by repeating the phrase 'Fire, fire!'?
It reminds us that the fire is happening. It makes it sound more urgent, like someone shouting.



3. Can you order the events of the poem using the numbers 1-4?

- 2 houses are burning
- 4 London's burning
- 1 bread is burning
- 3 streets are burning



4. Can you write another verse of the poem, following the same pattern?
Fire, fire! Fire, fire!
Pour on water, pour on water.

Accept any plausible verse that refers to the fire in some way and includes repetition, e.g. People running, people running, From the fire, from the fire.

The London Express

Breaking News: The Huge Fire Ends!

3 London celebrated today,
8 as the fire that has
12 ripped through the city
17 for the last five days
20 was finally extinguished.

24 The fire, which broke
29 out in the early hours
32 of Sunday morning, is
36 thought to have begun
40 on Pudding Lane.

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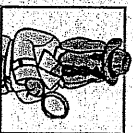
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1. When did the fire break out?



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3. Why do you think the author says that the people helping to put out the fire were 'ordinary'?

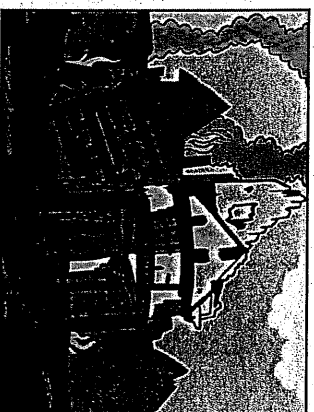


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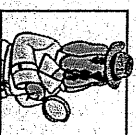
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Answers



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the early hours of Sunday morning



2. What do you think the word 'extinguished' might mean?
put out, stopped, finished



3. Why do you think the author says that the people helping to put out the fire were 'ordinary'?
Accept any sensible inference relating to the text, e.g. because they were very brave to help when it was not their job.



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10 On Sunday 2nd September 1666, a fire began in a
19 bakery on Pudding Lane in London. The baker had
30 forgotten to put out the fire he had used to bake
39 his bread. The fire soon spread to other buildings.

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57 and built very close together, which meant the fire
65 could spread easily. There were no firefighters so
75 people had to try to put the fire out themselves,
83 using buckets of water from the River Thames.

91 The fire carried on spreading on Monday and
97 Tuesday. Luckily, on Wednesday, the wind
105 stopped and the fire was finally put out.

114 The fire destroyed large parts of London, which had
117 to be rebuilt.



Quick Questions



1. Where did the fire begin?



2. Can you find an adverb in the text?



3. Can you draw lines to match up the events and the day they happened?

Sunday

The fire was put out.

Monday and Tuesday

The fire began.

Wednesday

The fire spread.



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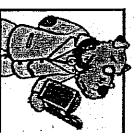
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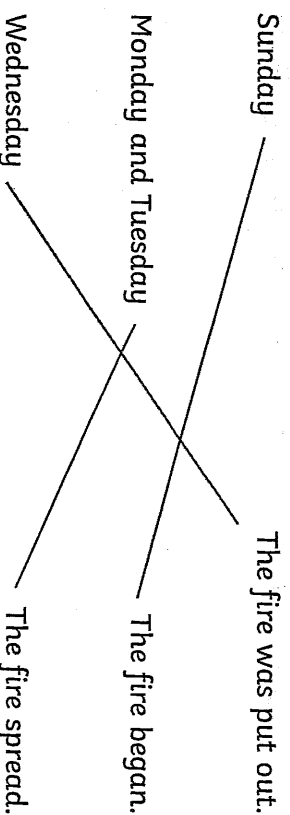


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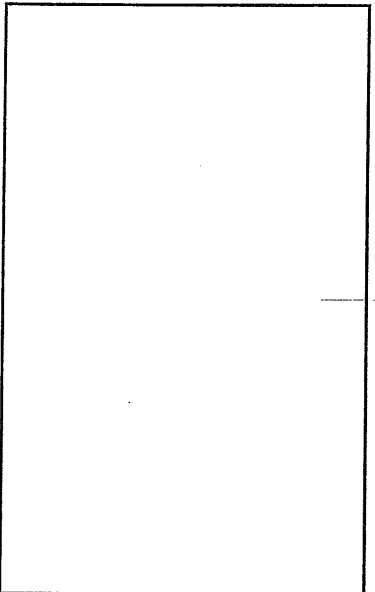


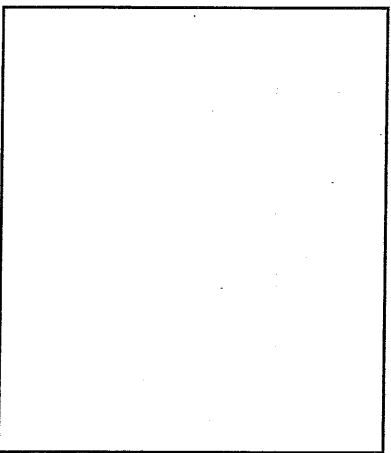
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4. What do you think the new buildings were built from and why?
Accept any sensible answer that is not wood,
e.g. I think the new buildings were built from
bricks because they are less likely to catch fire.

My Travel Brochure





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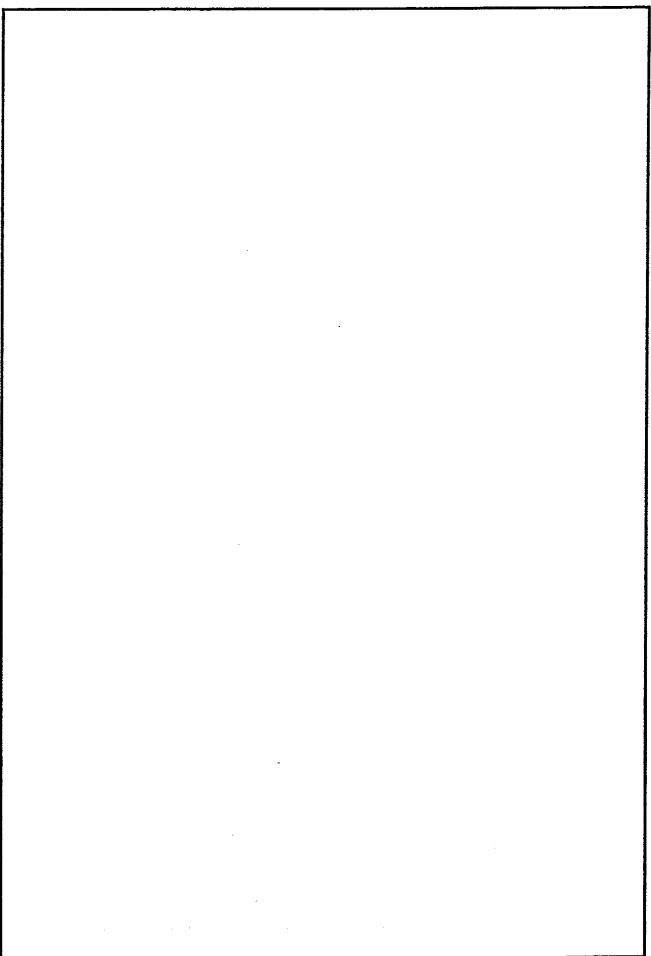
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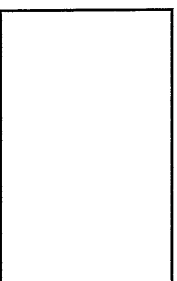
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Interesting things about _____

