

Ellie's Social Studies / History Adventure: The Great Fire of London

Learning objective: To understand that the Great Fire of London was a significant event in the past and identify how homes were different in 1666.

Help Ellie the elephant explore history! Use your knowledge of the Great Fire of London to answer these questions about life in the past.

Word bank: London · 1666 · Wood · Thatch · Fire · Bakery

1. Ellie wants to know when the Great Fire happened. Can you circle the year it started: 1066, 1666, or 2024? (1 mark)

2. The fire started in a shop that made bread. What do we call a shop that sells bread and cakes? (1 mark)

3. Houses in London long ago were made of wood and straw. Why did the fire spread so quickly between the houses? (2 marks)

4. If you had a stall in a London market in 1666, you might use pennies for money. If an apple costs 2p and a loaf of bread costs 3p, how much money would you need to buy both? (2 marks)

5. After the fire, people had to build new houses. Why do you think they decided to use brick instead of wood for the new homes? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a house from 1666. Remember to draw the wooden beams on the walls and the thatched roof!



Extension challenge: Talk to a friend or adult: If you lived in London in 1666, what is one thing you would pack in a bag to take with you if you had to move to safety?