

The Great Fire of London with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand the causes and timeline of the Great Fire of London in 1666.

Ellie the Elephant is remembering her history! Read the questions carefully. Use the word bank to help you complete your sentences. You can use the sentence starters to help you begin.

Word bank: Pudding Lane · 1666 · wood · baker · dry · firebreak

1. In what year did the Great Fire of London start? (1 mark)
2. Where did the fire start? Start your answer with: The fire started in a shop on... (2 marks)

3. Why did the fire spread so quickly? (Think about what the houses were made of and the weather). (3 marks)

4. What was the job of the person who lived in the house where the fire began? (1 mark)
5. How did they stop the fire from spreading further? Start your answer with: They created a... (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a house in London in 1666. Remember that the houses were made of wood and built very close together.



Extension challenge: Ellie wants to know: If you lived in London in 1666, what is one thing you would pack in your bag to save if you had to leave your home quickly?