

The Great Fire of London Flashcards

Learning objective: To identify key facts and events about the Great Fire of London in 1666.

Read the front of the card. Think of the answer, then look at the back to check if you are right. Use the word bank to help you.

In what year did the Great Fire of London start?

1666

Where did the fire first begin?

A bakery on Pudding Lane

What were the houses in London made of that made them burn easily?

Wood and straw

Who wrote a famous diary about the fire?

Samuel Pepys

Which river did people use to escape the flames?

The River Thames

What did people use to pull down houses to stop the fire spreading?

Fire hooks

Which famous building was destroyed and later rebuilt by Christopher Wren?

St Paul's Cathedral

True or False: The fire lasted for five days.

True (it lasted from Sunday to Thursday)

How did the fire start?

It started by accident in a bakery oven

Why did the fire spread so quickly?

The weather was dry and the houses were very close together