

## Ellie's Great Fire of London Challenge

*Learning objective: To recall and understand key facts about the causes, events, and consequences of the Great Fire of London in 1666.*

Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge of the Great Fire of London to answer them. Look out for the clues Ellie the elephant has left behind!

Answer Key: 1. C (1666), 2. Pudding Lane, 3. True, 4. B (Timber and thatch), 5. Samuel Pepys, 6. False (It lasted four days), 7. Firebreaks, 8. King Charles II, 9. A (To stop the fire from spreading), 10. St Paul's Cathedral.

*Word bank: Pudding Lane · 1666 · Samuel Pepys · St Paul's Cathedral · timber · thatch · firebreaks · King Charles II*

1. 1. In which year did the Great Fire of London begin? A) 1066 B) 1555 C) 1666\* D) 1766 (1 mark)

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2. 2. In which street did the fire start? (One-word answer) (1 mark)

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3. 3. True or False: The houses in London at the time were built very close together. (1 mark)

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4. 4. What materials made the houses easy to burn? A) Brick and stone B) Timber and thatch\* C) Glass and metal D) Concrete and plastic (1 mark)

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5. 5. Which famous diarist wrote a detailed account of the fire? (Two-word answer) (1 mark)

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6. 6. True or False: The Great Fire lasted for only one day. (1 mark)

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7. 7. What did the people create by blowing up houses to stop the fire? (One-word answer) (1 mark)

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8. 8. Who was the monarch on the throne during the Great Fire? (Three-word answer) (1 mark)

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9. 9. Why were firebreaks used? A) To stop the fire spreading\* B) To create a park C) To let firefighters pass D) To save the King (1 mark)

**10. 10. Which famous London landmark was destroyed and later rebuilt by Christopher Wren? (1 mark)**

**Draw:** Draw a picture of a 17th-century London street with narrow houses, showing how close together they were built.



*Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter in 1666. Write a short diary entry (50 words) from the perspective of someone watching the fire from the River Thames.*