

What Was London Like After the Great Fire?

- 1 On Friday 7th September 1666, the fire was almost out. It had been burning for five days.
- 3 The wind wasn't blowing so hard any more and people could see what the city looked like.
- 5 ***Homes destroyed***
- 6 The air was grey with ashes and smoke. Over 13,000 houses and 10 churches had been destroyed. Thousands of people had run into the fields and hills around London to escape from the fire, and now they had nowhere to go. Some people left London. Poor people lived on the streets and begged for money.
- 11 ***Homes rebuilt***
- 12 After a while, some people were given work. They had to clear up the mess left by the fire. Then builders started to build new homes. The government said that all new buildings had to be built out of brick or stone instead of wood.

Challenge 1

- 1 Tick **three** things we know about 7th September 1666 from the first three sentences.

The Great Fire of London started.

The wind was blowing less hard.

The fire went out.

People could see what the city looked like.

The fire had been burning for five days.

- 2 How many homes were destroyed by the Great Fire?

- 3 *“Over 13,000 houses and 10 churches had been destroyed.”*

What does the word *“destroyed”* mean in this sentence? Tick **one**.

rebuilt left empty

burned or knocked down a bit damaged

- 4 What information does the last heading introduce?

- 5 Why do you think the government said that all new homes had to be made of brick or stone instead of wood?

- 6 Do you think it would have been sensible to stay in London after the fire?
Explain your answer.

Challenge 1

Write the question number and then answer the questions:

Answers: