

The Great Fire of London

On Sunday 2nd September 1666, a fire began in a bakery on Pudding Lane in London. The baker had forgotten to put out the fire he had used to bake his bread. The fire soon spread to other buildings.

In 1666, buildings in London were made of wood and built very close together, which meant the fire could spread easily. There were no firefighters so people had to try to put the fire out themselves, using buckets of water from the River Thames.

91 The fire carried on spreading on Monday and Tuesday.
97 Luckily, on Wednesday, the wind stopped and the
105 fire was finally put out.

114 The fire destroyed large parts of London, which had
117 to be rebuilt.



Quick Questions

1 Where did the fire begin?

2. Can you find an adverb in the text?

3. Can you draw lines to match up the events and the day they happened?

Sunday

The fire was put out.

Monday and Tuesday

The fire began.

Wednesday

The fire spread.

4. What do you think the new buildings were built from and why?