

THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON

Watch the video:

true / false – mark only true sentences!

- 1 The fire started in Abby road.
- 2 The fire started in summer.
- 3 The buildings were made of wood.
- 4 Less than ten thousand houses burned.
- 5 People ran out of the city.
- 6 King's men exploded houses to stop the fire.
- 7 People didn't want to build the city again.

Read the text: (WB p. 32)

At about 12.00am, on 2nd September 1666, a fire started in a baker's on Pudding Lane, in the city of London. A servant saw the fire and he shouted. The baker, his family and the servant escaped. However, the buildings in London were made of wood and it was very windy so the fire quickly spread from house to house. Most people survived but they couldn't save their wooden houses. This was because the houses were very near each other and there wasn't a space between the houses to stop the fire. The fire was now enormous and people only had buckets of water. Finally, after four days, the fire stopped when it got to an area with no buildings. The fire destroyed shops and homes.

The people of London lost nearly 80% of their city, including 13,000 homes and 175 hectares of land. On the positive side, the fire also killed many of the rats which were carrying the plague. After the fire, Londoners rebuilt their city with wide streets and strong buildings, and they constructed a 61m-high monument to the fire. Today, visitors to London can climb the 311 steps to the top and enjoy panoramic views over the city of London.

ex. 2 match pairs

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| 1 servant | ☐ |
| 2 spread | ☐ |
| 3 enormous | ☐ |
| 4 bucket | ☐ |
| 5 the plague | ☐ |
| 6 views | ☐ |

- a) to cover a larger area
- b) a serious disease that passes quickly from person to person
- c) a container used for carrying water
- d) what you can see from a place
- e) very big
- f) somebody who works in another person's house and cooks and cleans for them

ex. 3 mark the right words:

- 1 The Great Fire of London **began** / finished in a shop where they sold bread.
- 2 The man who discovered the fire **died** / didn't die.
- 3 Before the fire, the buildings weren't very **near** to / far from each other.
- 4 People **could** / couldn't stop the fire.
- 5 The fire ended on **5th** / 7th September.
- 6 There **was** / wasn't a good thing about the fire.
- 7 After the fire, they built London in **the same** / a different way.
- 8 The monument to the fire **exists** / doesn't exist now.

Answer the questions- write whole sentences !!!

1. Where did the fire start?
2. What were the houses made of?
3. What was the weather like?
4. How many days was the fire?
5. Which animals did the fire kill?
6. How high is the monument to the fire?