

READING

- 1 Look at the photos. What do you think happened? Choose words from the box. Then read the article and check your answers.

a fire rain a storm an earthquake*

- 2 Read the article again. Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- 1 The San Francisco fire happened in winter.
- 2 When the earthquake happened, a lot of people were at home.
- 3 The earthquake wasn't big.
- 4 The fires burned quickly.
- 5 People saved many buildings in the city.
- 6 28,000 people died.
- 7 People built the city again after the fire.

The Great Fire of San Francisco

On 18th April 1906, there was an earthquake in the city of San Francisco. It was 5 o'clock in the morning and there weren't many people in the streets; most people were in bed. But it was a very big earthquake and people felt it in Los Angeles, more than 600 km from San Francisco. It destroyed many buildings.

But soon there was another problem. Many small fires started after the earthquake. At that time in San Francisco, the city was crowded and most old houses were made of wood. The fires moved quickly from building to building and from street to street. People didn't have water to stop the fire, and soon buildings all over the city were on fire.

The city burned for four days and it destroyed 28,000 buildings in the city. Around 250,000 people lost their homes and about 3,000 people died. After the fire, the people built a new city, with big streets and new houses.

* When there is an earthquake, the ground moves and sometimes buildings fall down.



LISTENING

- 1 Listen to the TV programme, *Our History*, and match the audience members to the people they ask about.

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| 1 Robert | | a Valentina Tereshkova |
| 2 Lisa | | b Henry VIII |
| 3 Rachel | | c Marie Curie |
| 4 Leon | | d Pelé |

- 2 Listen again. Tick (✓) the facts you hear.

- 1 King Henry VIII of England died in 1547.
- 2 Henry VIII had six wives.
- 3 The footballer Pelé played for Santos 638 times.
- 4 Pelé played international football for Brazil 92 times.
- 5 Marie Curie won the Nobel Prize in 1903.
- 6 Marie Curie died in 1934.
- 7 Valentina Tereshkova went to space in 1963.
- 8 Valentina Tereshkova's husband was also an astronaut.

