

The Great Fire of London

English Morning Starter



Breaking News

A news reporter travelled back in time to report on the Great Fire of London. She watched the events on Pudding Lane and talked into her microphone about what she saw. She said:

All of the buildings **were** burning. Everyone is **was** running and children **were** crying. Lots of people **were** trying to get out of the flames. The flames **were** rising up the streets. Men **were** using buckets to try to stop the fire. The fire **was** spreading across the city. I **was** writing in my diary. I **was** writing about what was happening. I **was** helping people. I **could not** believe what I **was** seeing.

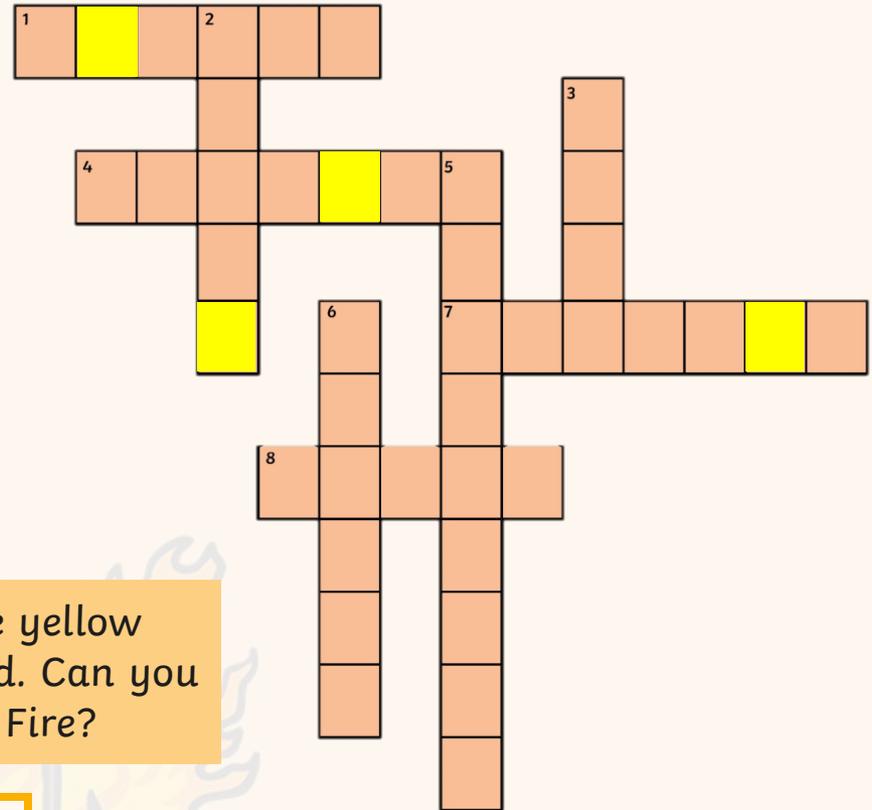
Fiery Criss-Cross

Across:

- The city the fire happened in.
- The name of the King when the Great Fire happened.
- The name of the lane where the fire started.
- The job of Thomas Farriner.

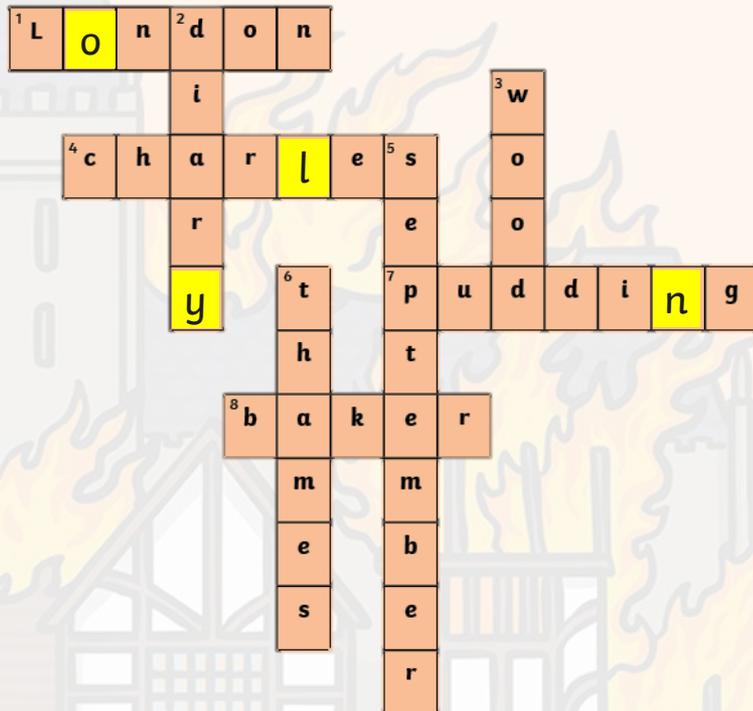
Down:

- The river that local people got water from to put out the fire.
- Samuel Pepys wrote one of these.
- The month the Great Fire started in.
- The material most houses were made from at the time.



Challenge: Rearrange the letters in the yellow squares to spell a common exception word. Can you use it in a sentence about the Great Fire?

Fiery Criss-Cross Answers



Challenge: The common exception word being spelled out by the yellow squares is:



A sentence you could have written is:

People **only** had leather buckets and axes to fight the fire with.

Think and Write



Look at this picture. What words and sentences does it make you **think** of? We are going to **write** a short piece based on the picture using the following pattern of sentences:

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Sentence 1

Write a sentence with an expanded noun phrase.

Sentence 2

Write an exclamation about the fire which begins with 'what'.

Sentence 3

Write a sentence using the conjunction 'because'.

Sentence 4

Write a sentence which includes a comma in a list.

Share your writing with a partner, your group or your whole class.



Think and Write Answers

Here's an example of what you could have **thought** and **written**...

The **burning, orange flames** grew bigger and bigger.
expanded noun phrase

What a terrifying sight it was!
exclamation sentence

Everyone was scared **because** the flames were becoming out of control.
conjunction 'because'

Men, women and children all tried to escape from London.
comma in a list

Read through your writing carefully
– does it include everything we are looking for?

Splashing Suffixes

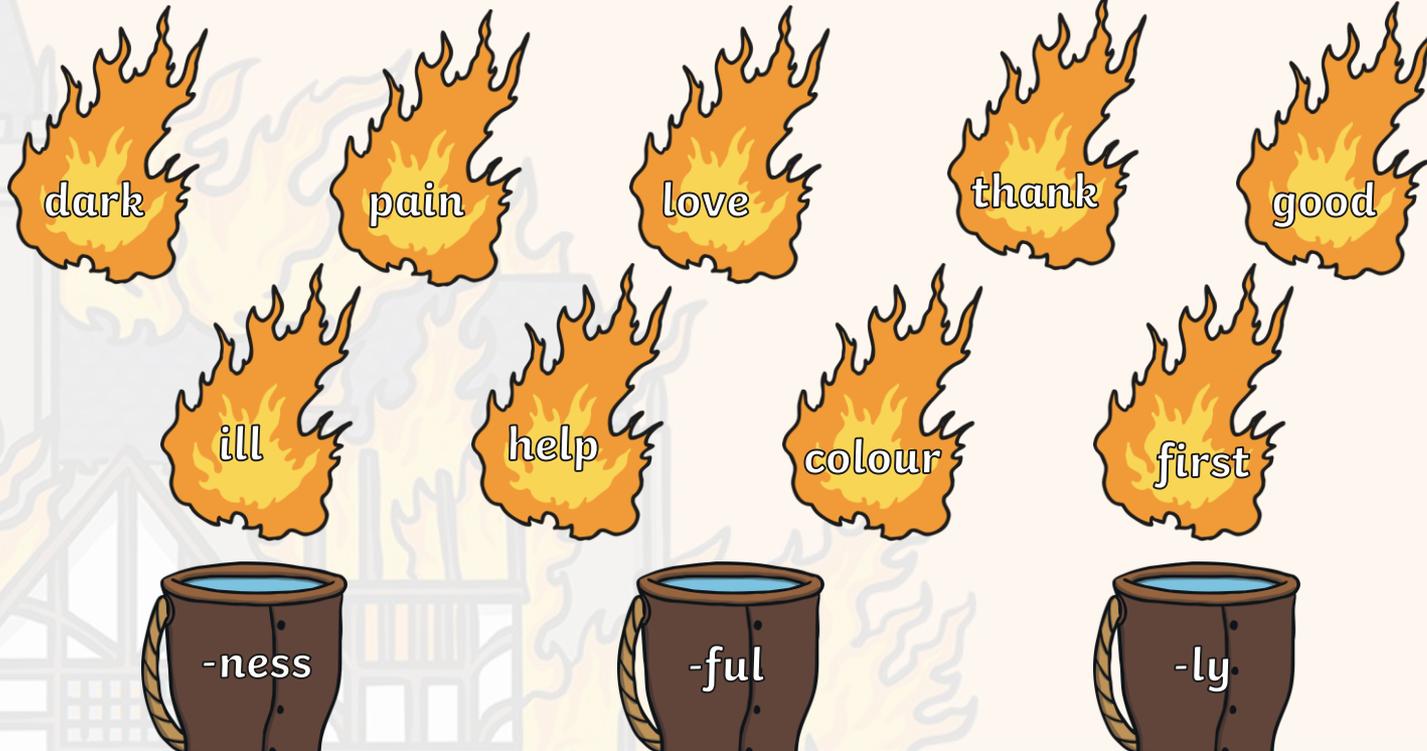
Each of these buckets can put out some of the flames but they can only splash the flame which has a root word that fits with their suffix. Which flames can each bucket put out?



Challenge: Can you think of one more root word which could belong with each suffix?

Splashing Suffixes Answers

Did you manage to match the flame to the bucket with the correct suffix? Click on each flame to see the correct suffix.



Challenge Example Answers: fitness or kindness, delightful or truthful, loudly or bravely

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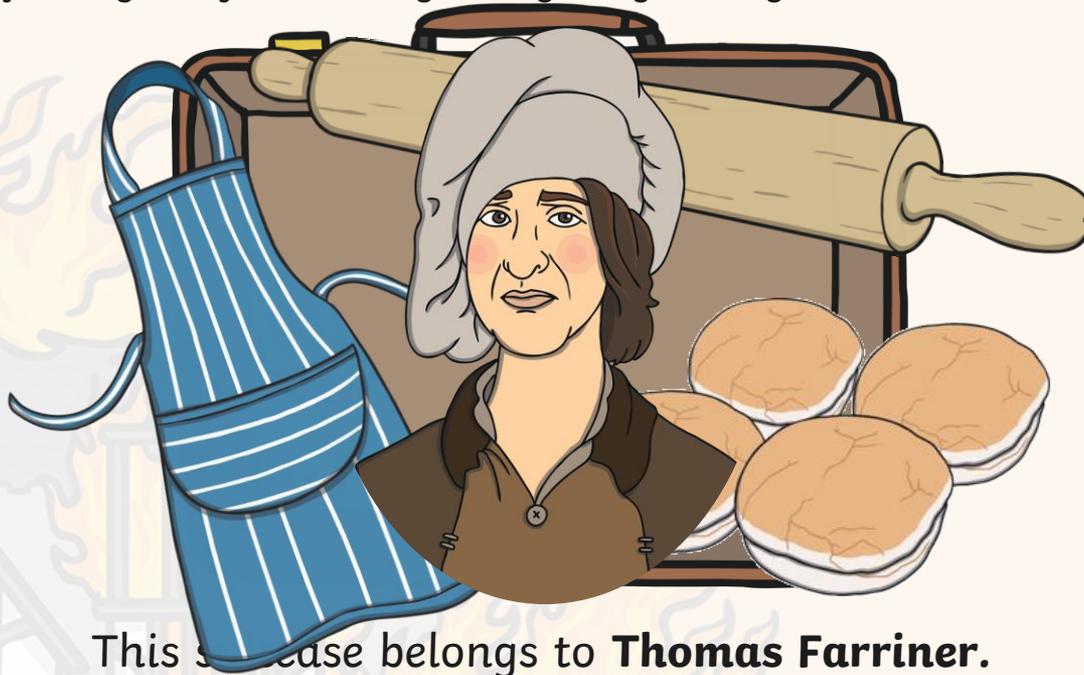


This suitcase belongs to **Samuel Pepys**.

Challenge Example Answer: I think it belongs to Samuel Pepys **because** he wrote about the Great Fire of London in his diary and he was in the Navy.

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This suitcase belongs to **Thomas Farriner**.

Challenge Example Answer: I think it belongs to Thomas Farriner **because** the fire is said to have started in his bakery.

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This suitcase belongs to **King Charles II**.

Challenge Example Answer: I think it belongs to King Charles II **because** he was the King when the Great Fire of London happened.

