

Our reading skills:



Today we will be using these skills:

**VOCABULARY**

**INFER**

**EXPLAIN**

**RETRIEVE**



New vocabulary we will need:

Embers

Clambered

Smouldering

Catastrophe

Inferno

Engulfed

London parishes

Neglect

Flee

**REPORTING ON THE  
GREAT FIRE OF LONDON**



What type of text is this?



What can you see? What are the features?



Can you use these words to explain:  
Title, date, subtitle, caption, picture



Why do you think the title is big and in capital letters?

**THE Sun**

Monday, September 3, 1966    One halfpenny    THOUGHT: HOT CROSS BUNOLE

**Core! Newton discovers gravity**

BRILLIANT young scientist everything in the celestial laws Newton has come up with a radical new physics theory also seeing as if an apple, as he sat apple fell off a tree. He was still pale a face called "gravity" drew everything as farth to the ground. The bullet of his days. It also attracts

... Isaac Newton ... apple ...

**LONDON'S BURNING**

**Inferno is sparked by dozy baker**

By STELLA LIGHT

DOZY baker Thomas Farnsey may have sparked the fire by failing to make sure his oven was set.

He believed the oven was safely cooking down — but a few small embers are thought to have been still smouldering at the back.

Three hours after going to bed, Thomas, his wife and young daughter awoke to find their home in Pudding Lane full of smoke and flames.

**Safe**

The baker — who happens to be in the King — managed to clamber to safety through an upstairs window with his family and a servant.

But his maid was too frightened to climb out and died in the flames.

A neighbour of Thomas's said last night: "It's a tragedy — he's such a nice man. He'll be absolutely distraught."

**Thousands flee from huge blaze**

By DEB CARTON

LONDON was facing catastrophe last night as an enormous fire raged out of control.

Hundreds of houses have already been destroyed by the inferno, which is spreading by the second.

One terrified witness said: "There seems to be nothing anyone can do. Entire streets have been engulfed within a few minutes."

The blaze began at a baker's in Pudding Lane, East London, at about nine yesterday.

News spread like the flames of an unmet deal, then the flames spread to a church nearby.

**WIND**

A strong wind fanned the flames — and by five half of London Bridge was on fire. One police is known to have died as fire and the death toll is expected to rise in the next few hours.

Low night King Charles ordered tens of workers to bring or make buckets to the fire, but it is an effort to stop it spreading.

The London firemen are supposed to pounce buckets and hoses for use by fighting fires. But yesterday many of these were found to have rotted through neglect.

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Paris in the streets ... families flee from the fire towards the River Thames last night



What kind of word is 'dozy'? What does it mean?



Who is Thomas?



Did he leave the oven burning on purpose?



Who managed to escape out of the window?



Who was interviewed for this newspaper report?

When someone speaks what punctuation is used?

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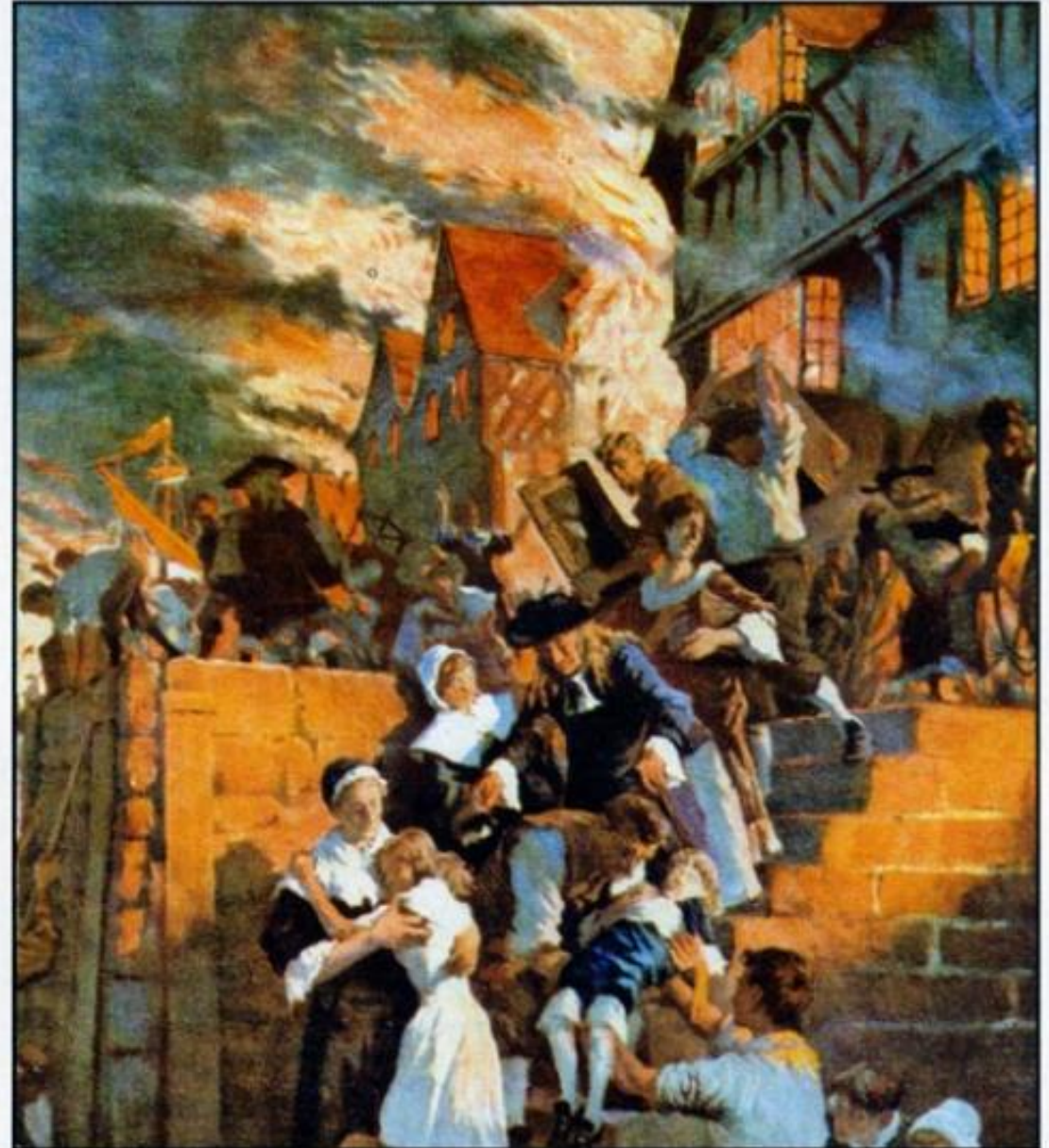
What is happening in the picture?



Why is it not a photo?



What is the sentence underneath a picture called? Why are they used?



*Panic in the streets . . . families flee from the fire towards the River Thames last night*



Who is Des Astor? How do you know?



Can you see 3 numbers written as words?



What does the phrase 'spreading by the second' mean?



What adjective describes the eye witness?



Which buildings were the first to be affected by the fire?



What did the king order the soldiers to do? Why?

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*The blaze began at a baker's in Pudding Lane, East London, at about 1am yesterday.*

Sparks ignited hay in the stables of an inn next door, then the flames spread to a church nearby.

## **WIND**

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Last night King Charles ordered teams of soldiers to blow up wooden buildings in the fire's path in an effort to stop it spreading.

The London parishes are supposed to provide buckets and ladders for use in fighting fires. But yesterday many of them were found to have rotted through neglect.

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Did you spot:

- ✓ Facts
- ✓ Eye witness statement
- ✓ Adjectives to make it more interesting
- ✓ Columns
- ✓ Captions
- ✓ Title
- ✓ Subtitles
- ✓ Picture
- ✓ Date
- ✓ Author