

The Diary of Samuel Pepys

Sunday 2nd September 1666



Dear Diary,

When I woke up this morning, I saw a big fire out of my window. It began in a bakery and 300 houses have been burned down. I began to panic. The fire is spreading and I think my house will burn down!

Monday 3rd September 1666

Dear Diary,

The fire is getting bigger! I am very scared because it is getting closer to my house! Today, I hid all my money in the cellar to keep it safe.



Tuesday 4th September 1666

Dear Diary,

This morning, I put all my best things in a cart and took them to my friend's house. I was in a hurry so I just wore my nightgown! If this fire gets worse, I will bury my wine and cheese in the garden.



Questions

1. Where did the fire begin? Tick one.

- a house
- a bakery
- a church

2. When did Samuel Pepys hide his money? Tick one.

- Sunday
- Monday
- Tuesday

3. How is Samuel Pepys feeling? Tick one.

- upset
- happy
- scared

4. What did Samuel Pepys wear on Tuesday? Tick one.

- a nightgown
- pyjamas
- normal clothes

5. What will Samuel Pepys bury in his garden? Tick one.

- his jewellery
- his money
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Dear Diary,

My maid, Jane, called up to me early this morning to tell me there was a big fire burning in the city. It was far away so I went back to sleep. When I got up this morning, I saw the fire out of my window but it was still far away. Jane came to tell me the fire began in a bakery on Pudding Lane and 300 houses had been burned down. She was very worried and I began to panic. The fire is spreading and I am afraid my house will be burned down!

Monday 3rd September 1666

Dear Diary,

The fire is still getting bigger! I am very scared because it is getting closer to my house! Today, I hid all my money in the cellar. I hope it is hidden deep enough so that it will be safe from the fire.



Tuesday 4th September 1666

Dear Diary,

The awful fire continues! Early this morning, I put all my most expensive things in a cart and took them to my friend's house. I was in such a hurry I didn't even get dressed. I just wore my nightgown! On the way, I saw lots of people running away from the fire. I hope this fire doesn't get any worse. If it does, I will dig a hole in the garden and bury my bottles of wine and cheese to keep them safe.



Questions

1. Where did the fire begin? Tick one.

Cake Street

Pudding Lane

Bread Pond

2. Draw lines to match these sentences.

Samuel Pepys hid

to his friend's house.

Samuel Pepys took his expensive things

all his money in the cellar.

Samuel Pepys was afraid

his house would burn down.

3. Number the events below to show the order in which they happened in the diary. The first one has been done for you.

	Samuel hides all his money in the cellar.
1	Samuel sees the fire out of his window.
	Samuel begins to panic.
	Samuel takes his things to his friend's house.

4. Find and copy one word that shows what Samuel Pepys thinks of the fire.

5. What do you think Samuel Pepys will do on Wednesday 5th September 1666?

Answers

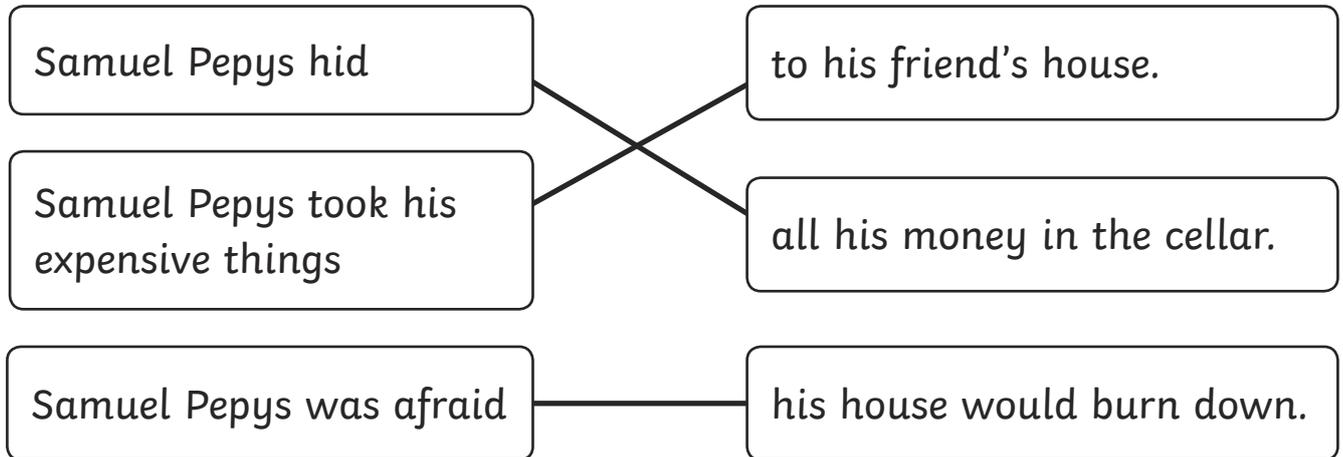
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awful

5. What do you think Samuel Pepys will do on Wednesday 5th September 1666?

Accept any plausible answer, e.g. I think he will run away from the fire.

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Dear Diary,

My maid, Jane, called up to me at 3 o'clock in the morning to tell me there was a great fire burning in the City of London. It was far away so I went back to sleep thinking nothing of it. When I got up this morning, I saw the fire out of my window in the distance. Jane came to tell me the fire began in a bakery on Pudding Lane and 300 houses had been burned down. I went to see the Lord Mayor to see what was being done about the fire. He was very worried and then I began to panic. The fire is spreading and I am afraid my property will be burned to the ground!

Monday 3rd September 1666

Dear Diary,

The fire is still spreading and the flames are rising! I am terrified because it is getting closer to my house! Today, I hid all my money in the cellar. I hope it is hidden deep enough so that it will be safe from the fire or from anyone who tries to steal it.

Tuesday 4th September 1666

Dear Diary,

The terrible fire continues! At 4 o'clock this morning, I loaded up a cart with all my valuables and took them to the house of my friend, Sir Rider, in Bethnal Green. I was in such a hurry I didn't dress. I just wore my nightgown. On the way, I saw many people running away from the fire. They all looked petrified. I do hope this fire doesn't get any worse. If it does, I shall dig a deep pit in the garden and bury my most treasured possessions (bottles of wine and a parmesan cheese) to keep them safe.



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Cake Street

Pudding Lane

Bread Pond

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	Samuel begins to panic.
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3. Find and copy one word that shows how Samuel Pepys is feeling on Monday.

4. Fill in the missing word.

I was in such a hurry I didn't even get dressed. I just wore my _____!

5. Samuel Pepys writes that people running away from the fire looked **petrified**. What do you think the word **petrified** might mean?

5. What do you think Samuel Pepys will do on Wednesday 5th September 1666? Explain your answer.

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terrified

4. Fill in the missing word.

I was in such a hurry I didn't even get dressed. I just wore my **nightgown!**

5. Samuel Pepys writes that people running away from the fire looked **petrified**. What do you think the word **petrified** might mean?

Accept any plausible definition, e.g. The word petrified means scared, terrified, frightened, upset.

5. What do you think Samuel Pepys will do on Wednesday 5th September 1666? Explain your answer.

Answers will vary, such as: I think he will run away because the fire is dangerous.