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# Quick Questions



1. Where did the fire begin?

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2. Can you find an adverb in the text?

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3. Can you draw lines to match up the events and the day they happened?

Sunday

The fire was put out.

Monday and Tuesday

The fire began.

Wednesday

The fire spread.



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# Answers



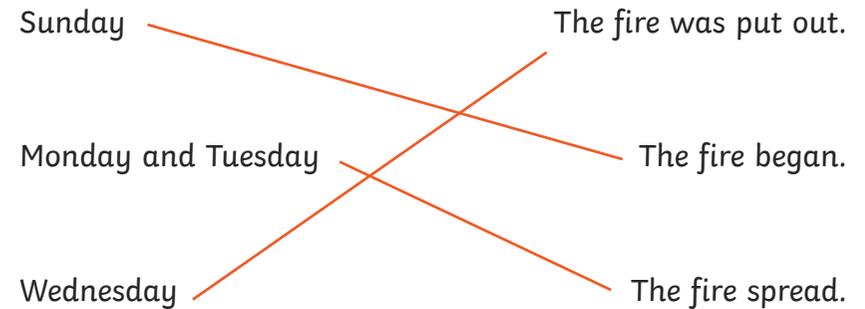
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**Pudding Lane, London**



2. Can you find an adverb in the text?  
**luckily**



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4. What do you think the **new** buildings were built from and why?  
**Accept any sensible answer that is not wood, e.g. I think the new buildings were built from bricks because they are less likely to catch fire.**