

1b - Retrieval

Thursday 6th September 1666

Dear Diary,

The most dreadful thing has happened, so I have not been able to write for a few days. Let me tell you about it.

Last Sunday, I was woken up early in the morning by loud screaming coming from the street. I felt so cross! Who was making this awful noise? From the window, I saw a blazing fire!



Marks

1. What day of the week was the diary written?

1 mark

2. What woke the girl up? Tick **one**.

- loud shouting
- loud screaming
- the noise of the flames
- the smoke

1 mark

3. How did she feel when she was woken up?

1 mark

4. Put ticks in the table to show which statements are **true** and which are **false**.

True

False

The fire started on Sunday.

She had not been able to write for a few days.

She was woken up in the late evening.

1 mark

5. 'The most dreadful thing has happened.'

What is the '**dreadful thing**'?

1 mark

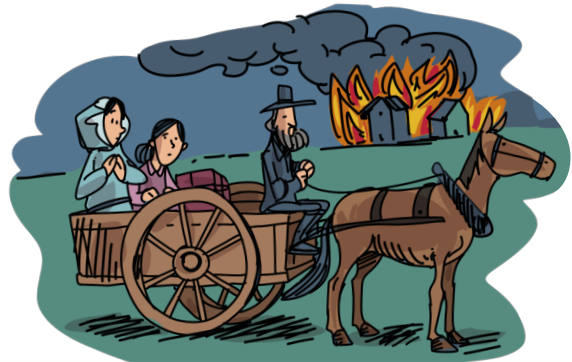
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1a - Vocabulary and word meaning

Then, my father came bursting through the door. He told me to grab the most important things and head to the staircase, but it was in flames! How were we going to escape? My father said to use a rope to climb out my bedroom window! It was very scary.

Outside the house, there was a cart waiting.

My mother and sister were waiting for us.



Marks

1. 'Then, my father came bursting through the door'

The word '**bursting**' shows that her father... Tick **one**.

- opened the door very suddenly
- opened the door quietly
- broke the door down
- shut the door very suddenly

1 mark

2. Circle **one** word in the box below which is another word for snatch.

Then, my father came bursting through the door.
He told me to grab the most important things
and head to the staircase, but it was in flames!

1 mark

3. 'head to the staircase'

The word 'staircase' is another word for...

Tick **one**.

- shelves for books
- a set of steps
- a bag to pack clothes in
- a long hall

1 mark

4. 'Outside the house, there was a cart waiting.'

Explain as fully as you can what the word 'cart' means.

1 mark

5. Find and copy **one word** which means that they wanted to get out of the house and away from the fire.

1 mark

Total marks

1d - Inference

I started to cry and so did my sister. Where would we live now that our house was destroyed?

Once we reached the River Thames, we jumped on a small boat and sailed to the edge of the city where the fire would not reach us.

By Wednesday, the fire was burning more slowly, but we still could not go back to our home. We were told they needed to pull down houses to stop the fire. It did not seem real.



1. Why did Jenny and her sister start to cry?

2. Why was it safer to escape on a boat on the river?

Marks

1 mark

1 mark

3. 'We were told they needed to pull down houses to stop the fire.'

How would pulling houses down stop the fire?

Explain as fully as you can.

1 mark

4. How did Jenny feel by Wednesday?

Tick **one**.

- She is fed up.
- She is happy.
- She can't believe it.
- She is cross.

1 mark

5. Why do you think the fire was burning more slowly on Wednesday?

1 mark

Total marks

1c - Sequence of events

Finally, by Thursday, we heard the fire was put out. We all cheered at this news, but our celebrations did not last for long. Would London ever be the same again? I am not sure what will happen now, but I will write again soon.

Jenny



1. What did they do after they heard the fire was out?

2. Think about the whole diary.

Match the days of the week to the things which happened on them.

Sunday ●

● Jenny wrote the diary.

Wednesday ●

● Jenny was woken by screaming.

Thursday ●

● The fire was burning more slowly.

Marks

1 mark

1 mark

3. Think about the whole diary.

Number the sentences below from 1 to 4 to show the order they happen in the diary.



They sailed to the edge of the city.



The fire started.

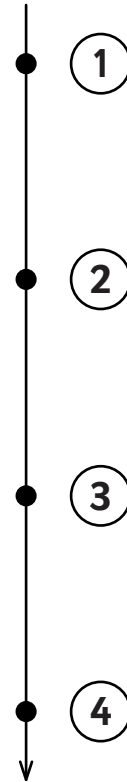


The fire was put out.



They escaped in a cart.

At the beginning



At the end

1 mark

4. Think about the whole story.

Match the start of the sentence to the end.

From the window,

to use a rope.

My father said

there was a cart waiting.

Outside the house,

I saw a blazing fire!

1 mark

Total marks