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- How long ago was 1666?
- What was the king's name?
- What were London's streets like?
- True or false: London was the smallest city in England.
- Which month did the Great Fire happen in?

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Read about life in 17th-century London and fill in the gaps with the right words.

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## Answers



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- How long ago was 1666?  
**More than 350 years**
- What was the king's name?  
**Charles II**
- What were London's streets like?  
**Narrow, crowded, dirty**
- True or false: London was the smallest city in England.  
**False**
- Which month did the Great Fire happen in?  
**September**



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