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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?

2

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

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people plague world
crowded children wooden
boat water

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London was home to about half a million _____ in 1666. People from all around the _____ came to live and work in the city. It wasn't just adults who had to work, many _____ did too. The city's streets were very _____ and dirty. Many people lived in _____ houses, which were often very close together. Most houses had no running _____ and no flushing toilets. There were no _____ on the streets either. Most people walked, but some travelled by _____ or coach.



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Answers



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Answer these questions about London in the 17th century:

- 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



2

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

London in the 17th century was very **different** from today. There had been civil wars and a revolution. Then Charles II had been crowned **king**. A terrible illness called the **plague** had killed lots of people in 1665. By 1666, life in London was getting back to normal.



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