

The Great Fires of Edinburgh and London - True or False?

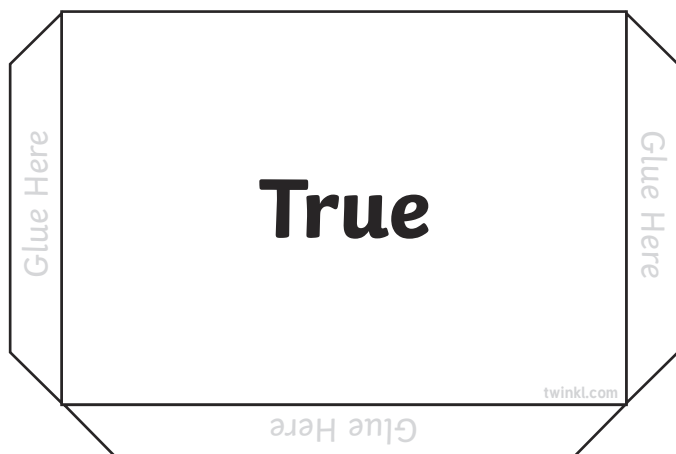
When it comes to the Great Fires of London and Edinburgh, how well can you sort fact from fiction?

1. Cut out the mini booklet below and stick it into your project book.
2. Cut out both sorting pouches and stick one on each page inside your booklet.
3. Cut out the facts provided and sort them into the pouches according to whether you think the statements are true or false. Research the questions if you need to.
4. Use the empty squares to make up some statements of your own then ask your partner to sort them.

Stick this side onto your lapbook or project.

The Great Fires of Edinburgh and London True or False?





The Great Fire of Edinburgh happened before the Great Fire of London.

Both fires happened during a hot, dry summer.

Fewer people died in the Great Fire of London than the Great Fire of Edinburgh.

There is a monument to honour the people who died in both of the cities.

During the time of both fires, a king was on the throne.

Narrow alleyways helped both of the great fires to spread quickly.

Samuel Pepys wrote a famous diary about the fires.

The Great Fire of Edinburgh lasted longer than the Great Fire of London.

Both fires attracted huge crowds of spectators.

The Great Fire of Edinburgh was eventually brought under control because of a downpour of rain.

Fewer homes were destroyed in Edinburgh compared to London.

Both fires began in a bakery.

The fires in both capital cities were extinguished by the fire brigade.

Buildings were pulled down during the fires to prevent them from spreading.

In both cities, the buildings at the time were made out of wood.

Both fires were started accidentally.

True or False Answers

Statement	True or False?	Extra Information
The Great Fire of Edinburgh happened before the Great Fire of London.	False	The Great Fire of Edinburgh happened in 1824 over 150 years after the Great Fire of London (1666).
Both fires happened after a hot, dry summer.	False	The Great Fire of London happened after a hot summer, however, the Great Fire of Edinburgh started in November.
Fewer people died in the Great Fire of London than the Great Fire of Edinburgh.	True	Only six people are recorded to have died in the Great Fire of London. 13 people died in the Great Fire of Edinburgh.
There is a monument to honour the people who died in both of the cities.	False	There is a monument in London but Edinburgh has a statue of James Braidwood who established the fire service.
During the time of both fires, a king was on the throne.	True	King Charles II reigned at the times of the Great Fire of London. King George IV reigned at the time of the Great Fire of Edinburgh.
Narrow alleyways helped both of the great fires to spread quickly.	True	At the time of both fires, the buildings were constructed along narrow alleyways.
Samuel Pepys wrote a famous diary about the fires.	False	Samuel Pepys wrote a diary about the Great Fire of London.
The Great Fire of Edinburgh lasted longer than the Great Fire of London.	True	The Great Fire of Edinburgh lasted 5 days the Great Fire of London lasted 4.
Both fires attracted huge crowds of spectators.	True	People from across the capital cities came to watch the fires.
The Great Fire of Edinburgh was eventually brought under control because of a downpour of rain.	True	A downpour of rain helped to extinguish most of the fire.

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Statement	True or False?	Extra Information
Fewer homes were destroyed in Edinburgh compared to London.	True	400 homes were thought to be destroyed in Edinburgh whereas 13 200 were destroyed in London.
Both fires began in a bakery.	False	The Great Fire of London started in a bakery. The Great Fire of Edinburgh started in an engraving workshop.
The fires in both capital cities were extinguished by the fire brigade.	False	There was no fire brigade at the time of the Great Fire of London however the fire brigade in Edinburgh had just been established two months prior to the fire.
New laws were passed in parliament after both of the fires.	True	After the Great Fire of London, a new law stated that homes were to be built from brick or stone. After the Great Fire of Edinburgh, it was agreed that a sole fire master was in charge of firefighters in an emergency.
In both cities, the buildings at the time were made out of wood.	True	At the time of the fires, homes were built from wood because it was the cheapest material available at the time.
Both fires were started accidentally.	True	The Great Fire of London began because of a spark from a baker's oven. The Great Fire of Edinburgh began when a pot of linseed oil overheated and fell onto a pile of papers.