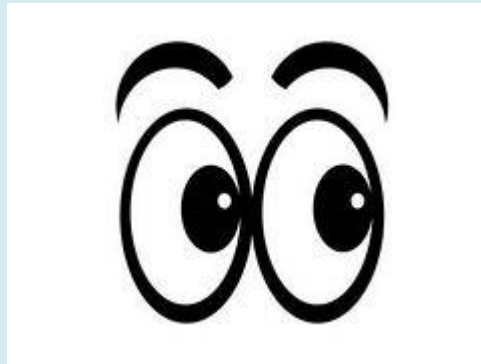


# How do we know so much about The Great Fire of London?



LO: I can describe the life of a famous person who lived in the past and say why he is famous.

We know because eye witnesses kept a record of the events of September 1666.

These two men wrote diaries about what was happening in London during The Great Fire of London.



John Evelyn

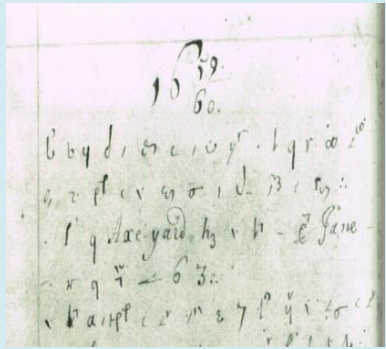


Samuel Pepys

Samuel Pepys became much more famous than John Evelyn. Here are some facts about his life:



Samuel Pepys worked for the British Government.

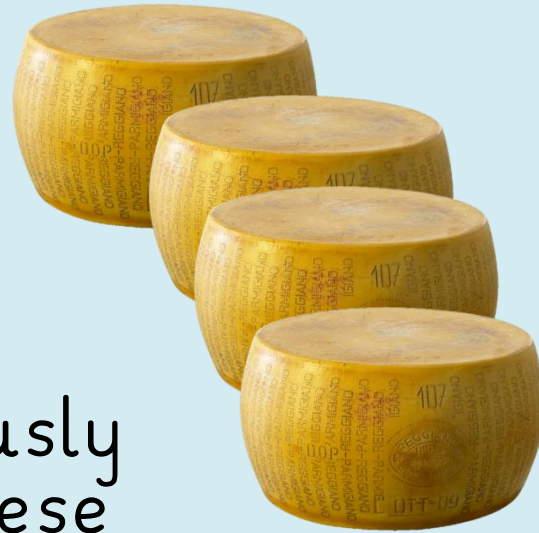


In his diary, he wrote about important events such as The Plague and The Great Fire of London. He wrote it in code!



During the fire, Samuel Pepys was angry because so many people ran away and did not try to help put out the fire.





Samuel Pepys famously buried his best cheese and wine in a box in his garden.

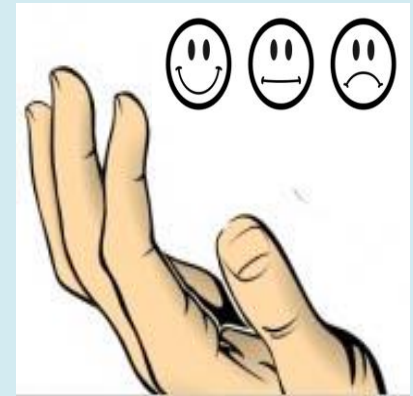
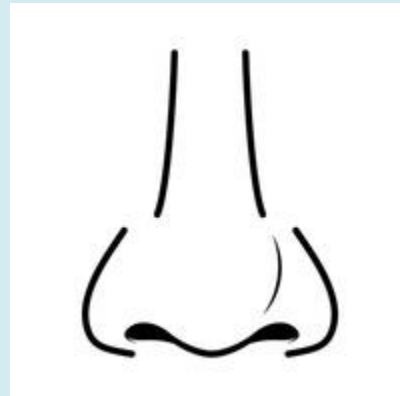
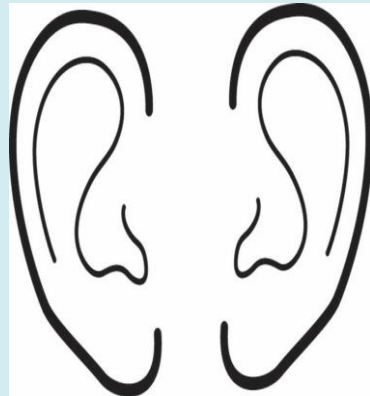
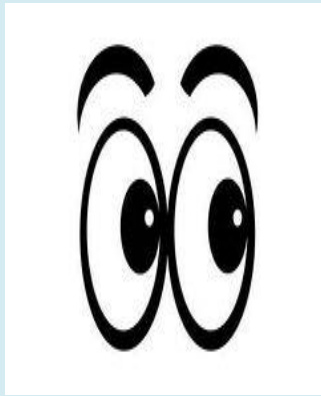


He visited King Charles II and told him what he should do. “Pull down the buildings,” he said. “Then there shall be gaps which will stop the fire from spreading.”





In his dairy, Samuel Pepys included lots of details about what he could see, hear, smell and feel.



Here are some **extracts** from his diary:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1666

The Great Fire in the city of London is still spreading rapidly. Looking fearfully out of my window, I **saw** a yellow glow in the distance, and flames leaping up against the night sky. I could **hear** the crackling of the wooden beams as they crashed down to the ground. I could **smell** the vast clouds of smoke being blown over London by the strong wind. As I ventured outside I could **feel** the heat of the blaze against my skin.

Tuesday 4th September 1666

I slowly walked the streets and I could see the damage that the fire has done with my very own eyes. The smell of burning wood was quite overpowering. I could hear the screams of the poor people leaving their houses in a panic. I feel terrified as the fire is quickly making its way towards my own house. I must carefully bury my wine and cheese to keep them safe.

Your task today is to pretend that YOU are Samuel Pepys writing his diary during the Great Fire. You are going to describe what you see/hear/smell/feel (emotion).





# Here is Mr Oates' example for you to read

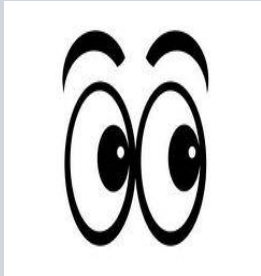
Dear Diary,

As I gaze out of my window, I feel the need to write about the awful sight that meets my eyes. I can see enormous flames setting the buildings on my street alight. To my left and right, the terrifying sound of crackling wood beams crashing to the ground, pierces the air.

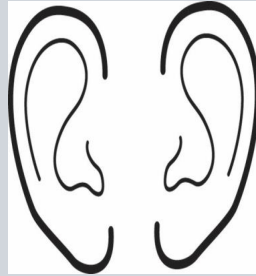
Despite still being inside, I can feel the heat of the blaze on my skin. The smell of burning wood wafted through the door cracks as I watched smoke swirling across the black sky.

Terror takes over me as I realise that the monstrous fire is getting worse by the minute. I must act, and fast.

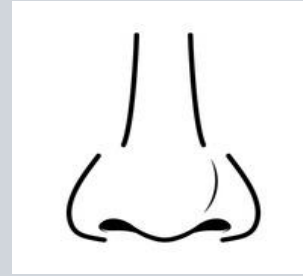
Here are some words to help you:



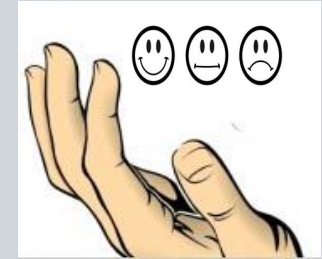
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crackling  
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