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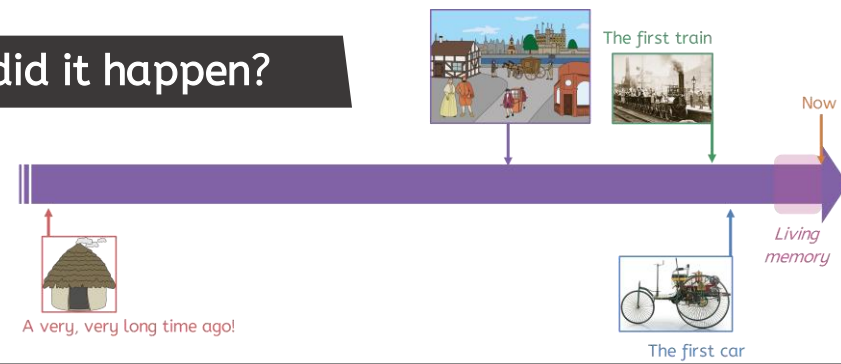
- Houses were built **very close together** and were **made of wood**.
- There was **no fire service**.
- There had **not been much rain** that summer.
- The Lord Mayor **did not act straight away**, so the fire had more time to grow.
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- Rebuilt buildings from stone and brick and kept more space between them.
- Built a monument to the fire (picture).
- Set up the first fire services.

When did it happen?



Key vocabulary

- **flammable**: (adjective) describing something that is easily set on fire.
- **impact**: (noun) something that happens because of something else.
- **long-term**: (adjective) describing something that happens over a long time.
- **Lord Mayor**: (noun) the person who was in charge of London, like the mayor today.
- **monument**: (noun) something that is built to help people remember or celebrate an event.
- **short-term**: (adjective) describing something that happens quickly, over a short term.
- **trigger**: (noun) something that causes an event to happen.



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- Houses were built **very close together** and out of **flammable** materials, so it spread quickly.
- There was **no fire service**, and the equipment was not good enough to fight such a big fire.
- There had **not been much rain** that summer, so there was not much water to put out the fire.
- The Lord Mayor **did not act straight away**, so the fire had more time to grow at the start.
- A **strong wind** was blowing and blew the fire from one building to the next.

Long term

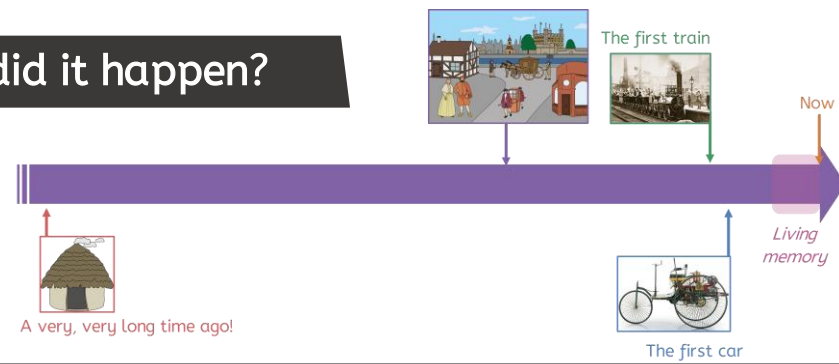
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- condition:** (noun) the situation that something or someone one is in.
- firebreak:** (noun) a space between building that can stop a fire spreading.
- fire hook:** (noun) a long pole with a hook on the end that can pull down buildings to create firebreaks.
- fire squirt:** (noun) a piece of firefighting equipment used in 1660s London that was like a water pistol.
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