A Fire Began

On Pudding Lane, a fire began,
Into the street, the baker ran.

He did not know which way to turn,
He saw the buildings start to burn.

They were made of wood and straw,
So the fire spread more and more.

The wind was strong, it blew and blew,
And so the fire grew and grew.

Through the streets, the fire flew,
It burnt the bridge and the church too.

Most people escaped the next day,
They got into boats and rowed away.

For four days the fire burnt,
Lots of important lessons were learnt.

New houses were built of bricks,
The city of London, they did fix.

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A Fire Began – Comprehension

Section A

1. Where did the fire begin?

2. What were new houses made of?

3. What type of text is this?

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Section B

4. What did the baker see in the street?

5. What were the houses made of?

6. How did most people escape?

Section C

7. What is a baker?

8. How long did the Great Fire of London last for?

9. Find two rhyming words from the poem.

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Section D

10. Why might the fire have started in a bakery?

11. Why do you think new houses were made of bricks instead of wood and straw?

12. What features tell you this is a poem?

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Section A

Match the rhyming words.

1. blew	a. away
2. day	b. ran
3. turn	c. grew
4. began	d. burn

Section B

Tick three words in each line that rhyme.

straw		claw		paw		start	
ran		can		fan		ham	
flame		same		fire		tame	
blew		burn		grew		flew	

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A Fire Began – Challenge Activity

Section C

Write a rhyming word for each of the words below.

burn	
began	
run	
burnt	
wood	
boat	

Section D

Sort the words into the table to show which word they rhyme with.

lane	bake	bricks
sticks	make	snake
flicks	mane	tricks
crane	take	plane

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