

Literacy

Read the text below: a speech from the King of England about The Great Fire of London in preparation for some writing of your own later this week.

Today's task:

1. Write down the fronted adverbials you can see in the text.
2. Write down any passive sentences you can find in the text.
3. Write down any examples of parenthesis that you can see in the text.
4. Write down any modal verbs you can see in the text.
5. Can you find a rhetorical question? Why has it been used?
6. Write down any formal words and phrases you can spot - if there are any words you do not understand, can you look them up in a dictionary or online and write a definition or a synonyms for them?

Remember to check the SPaG Knowledge Organiser sent home and on the class page if you need help to remember what these things are.

King Charles' decree

People of London hear this! Now that the Great Fire – by which it has been named – has finally been defeated, I, King Charles II, decree that all men must follow the laws of which I am about to set out for you here.

First of all, the woeful experience of this event has shown us that brick (as a building material) has many benefits; the main one being that it resisted and even extinguished the fire unlike the easily-devoured timber that so many of our homes and businesses were built with. That being said, I declare that that no man shall build any house, or other building, whether great or humble, unless it is constructed of brick or stone. If any man were to ignore this instruction, subsequently, his house would be pulled down.

It is further ordered that streets, from now on, will be made wide enough to prevent any fire – if one were to break out – spreading from one side to the other unlike the narrow streets to which we have become accustomed.

Moreover, any buildings that are to be inhabited by a trade which uses fire in their industry (bakers, brewers and dyers for example) are to be built in an

area where they can be housed together: away from personal residences so that any fire can be contained there.

It is imperative that the new laws be implemented by all if we are to prevent a catastrophe as significant as that we have just witnessed which claimed the lives of so many. Will you stand with me in building a better, safer London?