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| Enquiry: Enq 1 Great Fire | Character: Fire chief start | 1 of 2 |

1. Hello! Welcome to Arthur’s Hill Fire Station! I’m so pleased that you’re here.
2. I need your help with a problem. Let me tell you all about it. Let’s go for a walk.
3. Look at this gravestone of Alexander Dobson, a very important person from Newcastle in the 1800s.
4. We know that he was born in December 1828 and he died in October 1854. We know he died in Gateshead but we don’t know how he died.
5. Do you know where Gateshead is? Do you know what happened in 1854? Take your time to find out; I’ll wait for you.
6. You are all Fire Investigators. I have 3 questions for you to answer:
7. Who was Alexander Dobson?
8. Did he die in the Great Fire of Newcastle and Gateshead?
9. Who do you think was responsible for the fire?
10. On the table are some tools to help you to record your work. Your teacher will show them to you now.
11. Ok, Fire Investigators, now you’re ready to solve the problem. We need to travel to Gateshead, and go back in time to 1854.
12. Don’t forget to give everyone a chance to speak and to listen politely to your friends!
13. Remember your role, have fun and remember to make lots of notes! Who will you hear from first?

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| Enquiry: Enq 1 Great Fire | Character: Fire chief end | 2 of 2 |

1. Welcome back! Have you found the answers to my questions?
2. Who was Alexander Dobson?
3. Did he die in the Great Fire of Newcastle and Gateshead?
4. Who do you think was responsible for the fire?
5. Remember to use the notes you've made. If you need to hear anyone again, ask your teacher.
6. Look at the walls. You can see all the people you’ve met.
7. Who do you think was responsible for the death of Alexander Dobson?
8. Go and stand in front of the person who think is to blame.
9. There is no right or wrong answer. Don’t just follow your friends. I always think for myself!
10. Well done! Thank you for your great work, Fire Investigators! Goodbye!

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| Enquiry: Enq 1 Great Fire | Character: Fireman | 1 of 1 |

1. Hello my name is Fireman Scott and I work in Gateshead. My team were the first firemen to arrive at the fire.
2. (indignant) I can’t believe I’m being asked about this! It was not our fault.
3. We all worked really hard to extinguish the fire but it was too late.
4. By the time we were called, the fire was already very big.
5. If you want my opinion, it’s the local residents’ fault. All of their houses were too close to each other. Look at them, there's no space between them!
6. People kept getting in the way and wouldn’t let me knock down their houses to stop the fire from spreading.
7. They were selfish. It was their own fault and many people died.
8. Have a look at the table to see the equipment I am using to put out the fire.
9. How many differences can you spot?

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| Enquiry: Enq 1 Great Fire | Character: John Dobson | 1 of 1 |

1. Hello my name is John Dobson. Have you ever heard of me?
2. In Newcastle there is a famous street named after me. I am the father of Alexander Dobson.
3. (heartbroken) Thank you for investigating the death of my son. He died in this terrible inferno.
4. This news was a great shock to me. What a tragedy!
5. If you want my opinion, it’s the wool warehouse owner’s fault.
6. Everyone knows he packed the building with too much wool and oil to make more money. He is a very greedy man.
7. Life will never be the same for my family. The whole area will have to be totally rebuilt.
8. The local council has asked me to work to work with my friend Richard Grainger to redesign this area of the city
9. Have a look at the walls.
10. See if you can spot some of the changes that I plan to make, and some of the changes that come after that. Once you have found a change, tell your teacher.

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| Enquiry: Enq 1 Great Fire | Character: Warehouse owner | 1 of 2 |

1. Hello my name is Edward Moore. I am the owner of the warehouse in Gateshead where the fire started.
2. (defensive) This has been an awful accident. My warehouse has safely stored wool and oil for years.
3. I care about the people who work for me, and the people who live around my warehouse.
4. The fire started at midnight on the 6th of October and I called for help straightaway. It was the sulphur next door that exploded and spread the fire.
5. If you want my opinion, it’s the firemen’s fault for not coming sooner.
6. We had to get fire engines from as far away as Sunderland, Berwick and Hexham to help put the fire out!
7. I’ve lost everything. I now have no money, no friends and everyone is blaming me.
8. Look at the table. I want you to work together as a team to build a tightly packed square. How many tiles do you need?
9. Don’t leave any gaps in your packing. You may have done something like this using Numicon in maths!
10. If you find any good strategies I can use them when I re-build my warehouse!

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| Enquiry: Enq 1 Great Fire | Character: Resident |  |

1. Hello my name is Sarah Goodfellow and I live in Newcastle on the Quayside.
2. (distraught) Look around you. My house used to be here. There were about 200 families living in this street.
3. Because we are poor the local council won’t help us. We can’t afford these stone and brick houses, our houses are made from wood.
4. I’ve lost everything! I have nowhere to go and I have no food to feed my family.
5. If you want my opinion, it’s the council’s fault. They only care about the rich people who can pay taxes.
6. They say it’s a waste of money to have enough firemen to protect us on the quayside.
7. Why don’t you have a look at the table where there are items from the local shop.
8. Money doesn’t go very far these days and sometimes you have to make difficult choices.
9. What would you spend your money on? Tell your friends and don’t forget to give a reason for your choice.
10. Don't take too long. I must leave soon and find somewhere to spend the night.

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| Enquiry: Enq 1 Great Fire | Character: Tourist | 1 of 1 |

1. Hello my name is Jane Ridley. I have travelled all the way from Hexham today to look at this amazing fire.
2. (excited) What a fantastic day out! It's such good value for money!
3. I had to get up early to catch the special tourist train but we arrived in time to see the factory explode.
4. The crowds are so annoying. 20,000 people have come to have a look, like me.
5. Don’t ask me my opinion. I don’t really care how the fire started, or who is to blame.
6. But the fire has removed all the filthy housing where poor people lived. Now there's lots of land to build new factories!
7. I'm sure the poor people will find somewhere else to live.
8. Look at the table. Help the builders to decide what materials to use for the new factories.
9. I’m sure you are very good at working together by now!