

# The London Express

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28 the early hours of  
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62 died down.

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91 city and hundreds  
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## Questions



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## Answers



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**The first piece of news in this newspaper is that the huge fire ended.**



2. What do you think the word **extinguished** might mean?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: put out, stopped, finished.**



3. What impression does the author want to create by using the word **ordinary** to describe the people helping?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: The impression that the author creates by using the word 'ordinary' is that they were very brave to help when they didn't have the skills to do that job.**



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