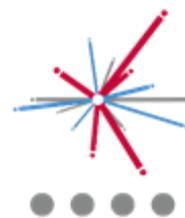


**Ark Pioneer learning at Home
Additional Support Booklet
English Language – Week 13**



Work to be completed

Note: For English, it is easier to do 3 days of 1-hour literature lessons, and 2 days of 1-hour English language lessons rather than the recommended 30 mins a day of core subjects.

You should complete this lesson if you are finding the main English booklet too challenging. Then move onto the main booklet for lesson 2 if you have time.

- English Language lesson 1 – Grenfell tower article

1. Do Now

Describe this picture of a tower which caught fire.



You can use the following words to help:

- Blaze
- Smoke
- Burning
- Blackened
- Terrifying
- Flame

2. Read this article about a huge fire that happened in London in 2017.

On 14 June, 2017, there was a huge fire at Grenfell Tower in west London.

The large block of flats was completely destroyed, and 72 people lost their lives.

Many more were injured, with it later emerging the blaze started on the fourth floor and spread through the building.

The fire was one of Britain's worst modern disasters.

Very early in the morning on Wednesday 14 June 2017, a fire broke out in the kitchen of a flat on the fourth floor in Grenfell Tower in North Kensington, London.

Firefighters arrived at the scene within six minutes of the fire starting, but it spread extremely quickly throughout the building's 24 storeys.



Mobile phone footage shows it took less than 30 minutes after firefighters had arrived for the fire to reach the top of the building.

It took about 24 hours to get it under control.

As a result of the blaze, 72 people lost their lives and many more were injured.

All those who managed to escape were made homeless, as the building - which had recently been refurbished - was completely destroyed.

It also destroyed homes in the surrounding area.

Experts described the fire as "unprecedented", which means that nothing like it had ever happened before.

What happened afterwards?

In the days and months following the fire, there was a big recovery operation.

Lots of people got involved to try to help those affected by what happened.

Destroyed
– ruined

Storeys –
floors of a
building

Refurbished
– repaired

**A recovery
operation**
would be a
plan to
help
people
who lost
their homes
and loved
ones



Churches, mosques and community centres all offered clothes, food and water, and many members of the public donated items and

money.

Figures from the Red Cross suggest 40,000 boxes of items were donated, which 600 volunteers helped to sort through.

By July, nearly £20 million had been raised to help victims.

Why did the fire happen?

The first thing many people wanted to know after the fire was how it had happened and why it spread up the building so unusually quickly.

Experts believe that a material used as 'cladding' on the outside of the building played a part in this.

Cladding is used on buildings to help to protect them from the weather and to make them look nicer. The cladding attached to Grenfell Tower helped the fire to spread more easily to upstairs flats.



Cladding – as in this picture, a material attached to the outside of a building.

3. Comprehension questions

Answer these questions about the Grenfell Tower article in full sentences.

1. Where did the fire first start in the tower?

The fire first started in...

2. How many storeys (floors) did Grenfell Tower have?

Grenfell Tower had ___ storeys.

3. How many people died in the fire?

_____ people died in the fire.

4. What happened to the people who escaped?

The people who escaped became...

5. Who donated things to help the victims?

The people who donated to help the victims were...

6. What kind of things did they donate?

They donated things like...

7. Why do experts think the fire spread so quickly?

Experts think the fire spread quickly because...

4. Thinking deeply

Why do you think some people are angry about the tragedy at Grenfell Tower?

Think about:

- How many people died
- Why the fire spread so quickly
- What happened to those who escaped

Answers

3. Comprehension questions

1. Where did the fire first start in the tower?

The fire first started in a kitchen in the fourth floor.

2. How many storeys (floors) did Grenfell Tower have?

Grenfell Tower had 24 storeys.

3. How many people died in the fire?

72 people died in the fire.

4. What happened to the people who escaped?

The people who escaped became homeless.

5. Who donated things to help the victims?

The people who donated to help the victims were churches, mosques and community centres as well as ordinary people and neighbours.

6. What kind of things did they donate?

They donated things like clothes, food, water and money.

7. Why do experts think the fire spread so quickly?

Experts think the fire spread quickly because of the cladding attached to the outside of the building.

4. Thinking deeply

Your answer may include:

- A lot of people died (72)
- The fire spread quickly because of the cladding – this was there to make the building look nice and didn't take people's safety into consideration
- Even those who lived were made homeless, which felt very unfair and that's why it's called a tragedy.