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Quick Questions



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Answers



1. When did the fire break out?
the early hours of Sunday morning



2. What do you think the word 'extinguished' might mean?
put out, stopped, finished



3. Why do you think the author says that the people helping to put out the fire were 'ordinary'?
Accept any sensible inference relating to the text, e.g. because they were very brave to help when it was not their job.



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