

## Check The Claims Answer Key

### 1-2. Model Answers:

- **Claim 1:** "Destroyed nearly the entire city"
  - **Reality Check:** Destroyed 80% of the city → *Exaggerated but partly true.*
- **Claim 2:** "Left hundreds of thousands dead"
  - **Reality Check:** Fewer than 10 recorded deaths → *False.*
- **Claim 3:** "The fire raged for months"
  - **Reality Check:** Lasted 4 days → *False.*
- **Claim 4:** "London never truly recovered, remaining in ruins for decades"
  - **Reality Check:** Rebuilding began quickly and lasted several years → *Exaggerated.*

3. **Why exaggeration?** To make the disaster sound more dramatic and emphasize destruction.
4. **Understanding changes:** It shifts from thinking of the fire as a centuries-long tragedy to realizing it was devastating but recoverable.
5. **Importance:** It helps students learn not to accept text at face value and to develop **critical fact-checking skills**.

### Teacher Guide/Notes

- **Skill Emphasis:** Students learn to **distinguish between author claims and actual data**, a vital skill in critical comprehension.
- Encourage them to label each claim clearly and support their judgment with evidence.
- Extension activity: Provide a modern article or social media claim about a current event, along with fact-checking data, and ask students to apply the same process.