

Firefighters Are Helpers



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Firefighters work hard. They work to keep us safe from fire.

If a fire starts, firefighters help us. They rush to the fire in fire engines. They spray water with big hoses. The water helps put out the fire.

Firefighters save people from burning buildings. They save pets from burning buildings too.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: For questions 1-4, circle the correct answer.

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- a) keep us safe from fire
- b) burn things down with fire
- c) save pets from tall trees

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- a) how they put out fires and rescue people and pets
- b) how they teach their community about fire safety
- c) how they help when there is a car accident

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- b) "Firefighters save people from burning buildings."
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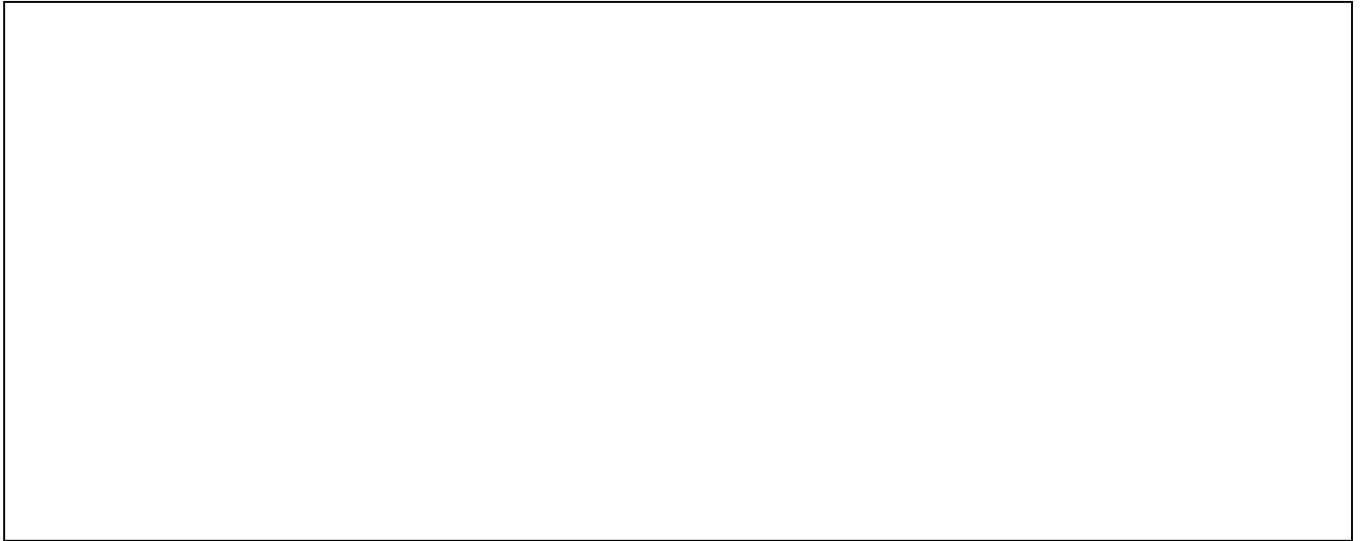
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- b) Spraying water on a fire puts it out.
- c) Firefighters put out fires and save people and pets.

5. A) What do firefighters use to put out fires?

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B) Draw a picture of firefighters fighting a house fire.



6. What did you learn from “Firefighters Are Helpers”?

7. Class Discussion Question: Explain what a firefighter’s job is and why this work is hard.

Teacher Guide & Answers

Note to Teacher: Read each question out loud to your students and have each student complete the worksheet independently. For questions 5 A) and 6, you can have students draw their answers, answer orally, or write their answers depending on your students' progress. If you have them write their answers, you may want to write the word(s) on the board for them to copy. Question 7 is a class discussion question.

Passage Reading Level: Lexile 400

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5. A) *Note to Teacher: See note at the top of the first page.*

What do firefighters use to put out fires?

Suggested answer: Firefighters put out fires with *water (or big hoses that spray water)*.

B) Draw a picture of firefighters fighting a house fire.

Suggested answer: Students' pictures may vary but should include firefighters spraying water on a house that is on fire. They should be using a big hose to spray the water. Advanced pictures might also include some firefighters going into the house to rescue people and pets, or they might show a fire engine.

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Suggested answer: Answers may vary but students should explain that firefighters put out fires and rescue people and pets from burning buildings. This job is hard because it is dangerous. Fire can hurt you; that is why you need to be rescued from burning buildings. Most people try to get away from fire because it is so dangerous but firefighters go into the fire to save people and pets.