

Training days

Read the passage.

It is important that firefighters are always ready to help people in an emergency. They train everyday and also attend training days to practise how to deal with lots of different emergencies.



At the fire station, firefighters practise using equipment that they may need in an emergency. They learn how to put on special protective clothing and breathing apparatus quickly. They must know how to move through smoke-filled buildings and how to search for people who may be trapped inside. They practise putting out all sorts of fires, too.



At a fire station, there is a tall tower. Firefighters use the tall tower to practise putting out fires and rescuing people trapped in tall buildings.

Tick the right box.

At the fire station, firefighters practise rescuing people from a high:

- a) tower. ☐ b) steeple. ☐ c) bridge. ☐

Answer the questions in sentences.

1. Why is it important that firefighters train regularly? _____

2. What is the tall tower at the fire station used for? _____

3. What sort of things do they practise putting on quickly? _____

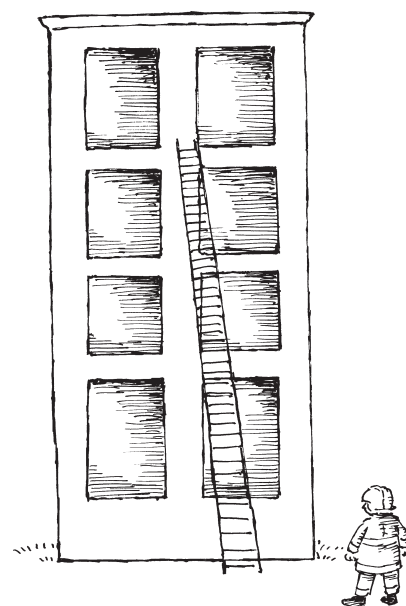
4. Why is it important that they can put on these things quickly? _____

5. Why might it be difficult to find someone trapped in a smoke-filled building? _____

Check your memory 5

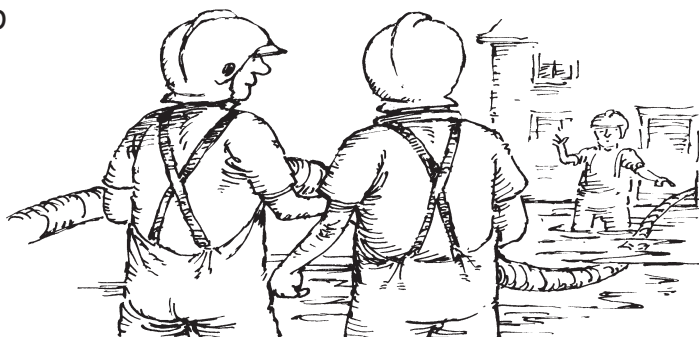
Complete the sentences.

1. Firefighters will rescue people from burning _____.
2. They will help people trapped in _____ after a road traffic accident.
3. Firefighters attend special _____ days to practise how to help people.
4. They learn how to put on special protective _____.
5. At a fire station, there is a tall _____.



Circle the right word.

1. Firefighters will hose away any oil or (dials / diesel) spilled on to a road.
2. Firefighters use rescue (boots / boats) to help people trapped by flood water.
3. They practise putting on breathing apparatus (quietly / quickly).
4. Firefighters learn how to move through (smoke-filled / storm-filled) buildings.
5. Firefighters use (ladders / ladles) to reach people trapped on the upper floors of burning buildings.



True or False? ☒ ☐

Put a tick or cross by each statement.

1. Firefighters have to make sure that no oil or diesel goes into the drains after a road traffic accident. ☐
2. Firefighters never use rescue boats to rescue people. ☐
3. Firefighters pump water out of flooded homes. ☐
4. Firefighters pump water into flooded homes. ☐
5. Firefighters practise putting out all sorts of fires. ☐

Fire puzzle 2

1. Unscramble the words. Write the words.
2. Some of the words can be used to label the picture.
Circle the words then label the picture.

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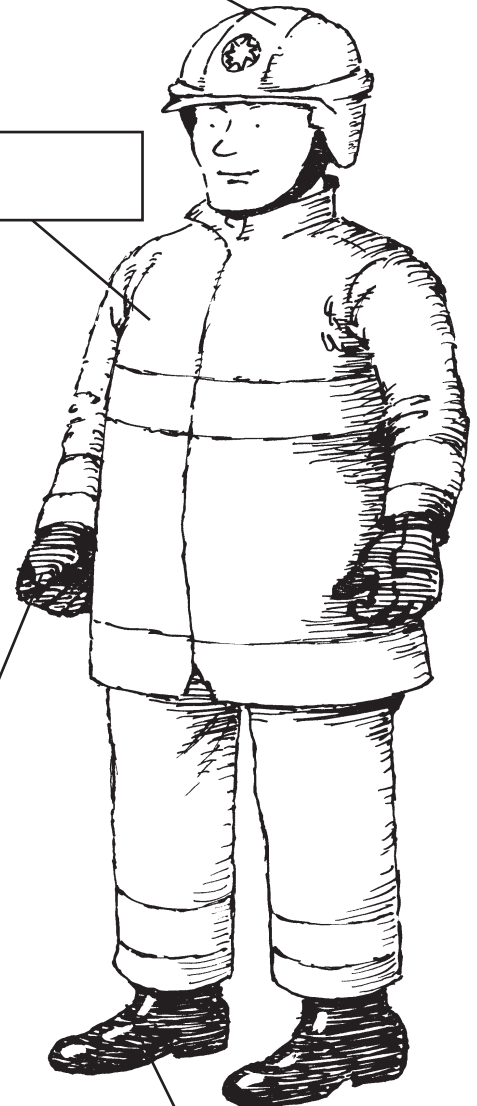
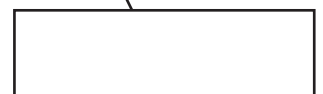
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Glossary

apparatus	equipment for a specific use.
cage	structure that people can stand in that is above ground level or which can be raised to above ground level.
chemical	something that is produced by a method involving chemistry.
emergency	sudden danger which needs immediate action.
equipment	something you need to complete a task.
fire extinguisher	piece of equipment that releases fire-retardant substances to put out a fire.
fireproof	something that cannot be damaged by fire.
fire-resistant	something that can resist fire and great heat for a period of time.
fire-retardant	substance that prevents or inhibits a fire.
fuel	substance that can be burned to produce energy.
lungs	organs in your chest that fill with air when you breathe.
masonry	stone or bricks that make up a building or a wall.
operator	someone who connects telephone calls.
poisonous	something that contains poison.
pump	piece of equipment that is used to make liquid or gas go into or out of something.
reflective strips	safety strips usually worn on clothing that allow light to shine back from them making it easier to spot the wearer in the dark.
shift	period of time at work where some people work during the day and others at night.
siren	piece of equipment that gives out a loud noise to warn people that an emergency vehicle is close by.
steam	hot, wet mist that results when water is heated.
timbers	wood used in the making of a building.
tunic	a firefighter's jacket is called a tunic.
turntable ladder	ladder that turns and which is made up of several sections that slide in or out to extend or shorten it.
uniform	clothes that show you are a member of an organisation.
watch	team of people in the fire service.
water cannon	piece of equipment that shoots out large amounts of water.
watertight	something that is watertight means that water cannot leak out or into it.
wreckage	the parts of a vehicle that are left after it has been badly damaged.

Read and Remember

Book 2: Fire

Pupils Record Sheet

Use this sheet to record each child's level of understanding achieved in each of the topics addressed in this book.

Topic	Comments
Fighting fires long ago	
Old fire extinguishers	
Check your memory 1	Score /15
At the fire station	
Firefighters	
Emergency!	
Check your memory 2	Score /15
Firefighters' uniforms	
Special equipment	
Check your memory 3	Score /15
Fire engines	
Firefighting planes	
Fire boats	
Check your memory 4	Score /15
Helping people	
Training days	
Check your memory 5	Score /15
What you need to be a firefighter	
Fire safety	
Check your memory 6	Score /15
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Fire puzzle page 2	