

Level 5. Firefighters

# Firefighters



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**A Complete the sentence using words in the box.**

spread flare attach fire-resistant explosion ventilate

1. Cutting holes in windows and the roof helps to prevent dangerous explosion.  
a sudden and extremely violent bursting
2. The engine company attaches the hoses to fire hydrants.  
to fasten or join something to something
3. They spray water on any nearby building to stop the fire from spread ing.  
to affect a larger area
4. Fire trucks carry many tools to help firefighters ventilate areas that full of smoke.  
to allow air to move freely in and out of building
5. Wind can make fires flare up or change direction in seconds.  
to burn for a short time with a sudden bright flame
6. Firefighters wear coats and pants made of fire-resistant material.  
not harmed or affected by fire

**B Circle the synonyms of the underlined words.**

1. The ladder company and the engine company work together to fight the fire. carry / cooperate
2. They cut holes in windows to let out smoke. gather / emit
3. This helps to prevent dangerous explosions. avoid / protect
4. Fire trucks carry medical supplies for people who are hurt. called / injured
5. Fires can be dangerous. risky / difficult
6. The ladders can be raised so firefighter can reach people or fires that are high up. lift / collect

### C Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

from with in out of like

1. They wait until the fire gets smaller before they try to **put** it out.
2. They spray water on any nearby buildings to **stop** the fire from spreading.
3. Fire fighters use radios to **keep in touch** with each other.
4. A smoke ejector is like a large fan.
5. They use masks so that they don't **breathe** in smoke or dangerous gases.
6. Firefighters sometimes use helicopters to drop large **amount** of water.

### D Write your own sentences using the same sentence pattern.

Use **so that** to express a 'purpose' of doing something.

They use masks I drew a map I hurried They have saved lots of money I wore warm clothes	<b>so that</b>	I could show him the way They don't breathe in smoke I wouldn't miss the bus I didn't want to be cold They can buy a house
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1 I hurried so that I wouldn't miss the bus.

2 They have saved lots of money so that they can buy a house.

3 I wore warm clothes so that I didn't want to be cold.

4 They use masks so that they don't breathe in smoke.

**A Answer the following questions.**

1. The main purpose of the book is \_\_\_\_\_.  
☒ a) to give information  
b) to persuade  
c) to entertain readers
2. What does the ladder company do to prevent dangerous explosions when they arrive at a burning building?  
a) They search for people who may be trapped inside.  
☒ b) They cut holes in windows and the roof to let out smoke, heat or gases.  
c) They carry medical supplies for people who are hurt.
3. What is NOT true about the engine company?  
a) They attach the hoses to fire hydrants.  
☒ b) They use their ladders to climb into high windows.  
c) They use the hoses to spray water over the flames until the fire is out.
4. What do firefighters have to do if they cannot control the fire in bush?  
a) They must search for the animals that are trapped by the fire.  
b) They have to keep spraying water over the flames.  
☒ c) They make sure that everyone leaves the area safely.
5. What is a **smoke ejector** used for?  
a) to prevent fires from changing direction  
☒ b) to ventilate areas full of smoke  
c) to help firefighters keep in touch with each other

**B Read and circle "T" for true or "F" for false.**

1. Firefighters use horns to go to the place on fire as fast as they can. T / ☒ F
2. The ladder company and the engine company cooperate to fight the fire. ☒ T / F
3. Firefighters wear coats and pants made of fire-resistant material. ☒ T / F
4. Firefighters don't have to spray water on any nearby buildings. T / ☒ F
5. Back burning can help to stop a large bushfire from spreading. ☒ T / F

**C Fill in the charts with the sentences for each team.**

They use ladders to reach people or fires that are high up.	A built-in hose is used so that water can be directed at the fire from up high.
They attach the hoses to fire hydrants.	They use the hoses to spray water over the flames until the fire is out.
They cut windows and the roof to prevent dangerous explosions.	They also spray water on nearby buildings to stop the fire from spreading.

**The ladder company**

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A built-in hose is used so that water can be directed at the fire from up high.

They cut windows and the roof to prevent dangerous explosions.

**The engine company**

They attach the hoses to fire hydrants.

They use the hoses to spray water over the flames until the fire is out.

They also spray water on nearby buildings to stop the fire from spreading.

Two teams work together to fight the fire.

**B Complete and read a writing about firefighters' clothing.**

Firefighters (who) wear thick, heavy clothing so that they can

work without getting hurt.

They wear coats (3) and pants (4) made of fire-resistant material. They also wear boots, gloves (5), and helmets (1).

They use masks (2) in order not to breathe in smoke or gases.

