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• Reading Comprehension Assessment

Directions: Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

Fire!

"BRRINNGGG!!!"

The alarm sounds. There must be a fire. Someone needs help!

Quick! The fire fighters have to move fast. They prepare to fight the fire. They put on their clothes. They load the hoses. They get in the truck. They drive to the fire. It only takes them ten minutes. Firefighters are **swift!**

The firefighters arrive at the fire. A house is burning. Smoke is everywhere. People stand in the street. They watch the fire. They watch it burn. They can't do anything to put it out. They just have to watch. They are **helpless.**



The Chief gets out of the fire truck. He runs over to the people. "Is there anyone inside?" he says.

"I'm not sure," says a man. "I don't think so."

"Well," says the Chief, "we have to be sure." He looks around at the people.

"Does anyone know who lives in that house?" the Chief says.

A little girl steps forward. "A family lives there. But they are out of town."

"How do you know? Are you sure?" the Chief asks her.

"Yes," the girl says. "I am sure. I am taking care of their dog while they are gone."

"Okay. That is good to know. Thank you," says the Chief. "Now, where is the dog?"

At that moment, the Chief hears something. It is a dog. It is a dog barking. The sound is coming from the burning house.

"Team!" says the Chief. "Listen up!"

The team of firefighters gather around the Chief.

"A dog is caught in the fire. I am going to try to save him. Connect the hoses. And get some water on that house!"

1) How do the firefighters know there is a fire?

- A. They hear a dog barking.
- B. The alarm sounds.
- C. A little girl tells them so.
- D. They see the smoke.

2) To prepare to fight the fire, the firefighters do all of the following things EXCEPT

- A. load the hoses
- B. get in the truck
- C. open the station
- D. put on their clothes

3) As used in paragraph 3, the word **swift** most nearly means

- A. fast
- B. strong
- C. smart
- D. hot

4) As used in paragraph 4, which word means the opposite of **helpless**?

- A. serious
- B. powerful
- C. dangerous
- D. complicated

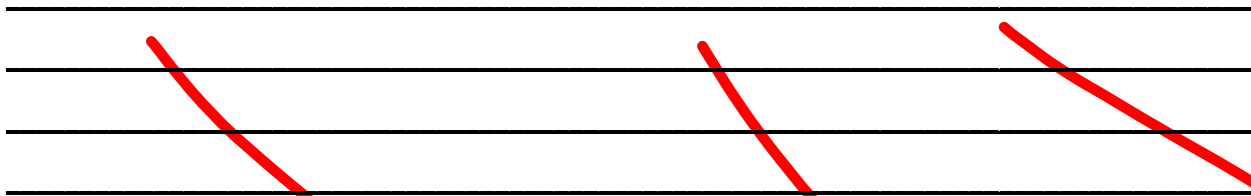
5) How does the Chief learn that a dog is caught in the fire?

- A. A man tells him.
- B. His team tells him.
- C. A little girl tells him.
- D. He hears it barking.

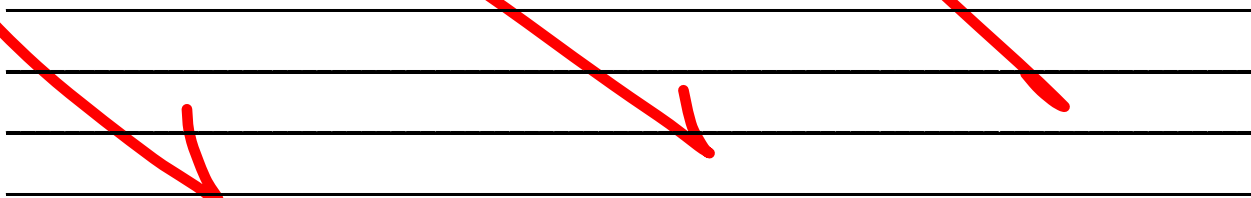
6) Which sentence about the Chief is FALSE?

- A. He is the boss.
- B. He is a firefighter.
- C. He is nervous.
- D. He hears a dog.

7) Do you know anyone like the Chief? What makes him or her alike?



8) Do you think you could ever become a firefighter? Why or why not?



4. Simple past tense

Complete the sentences. Put the verb into the correct form, positive or negative.

1. It was warm, so I .. **took** .. off my coat. (take)
2. The film wasn't very good. I **didn't enjoy** it very much. (enjoy)
3. I knew Kate was very busy, so I _____ her. (disturb)
4. I was very tired, so I _____ to bed early. (go)
5. The bed was very uncomfortable.
I _____ very well. (sleep)
6. Fabiola wasn't hungry, so she _____ anything. (eat)
7. We went to Laila's house but she _____ at home. (be)
8. It was a funny situation but nobody _____ . (laugh)
9. The window was open and a bird _____ into the room. (fly)
10. The hotel wasn't very expensive. It _____ very much. (cost)
11. I was in a hurry, so I _____ time to phone you. (have)

11. Why _____ (Emily / resign) from her job? Didn't she?
12. Why _____ (Joshua / sack) from his job? What did he do wrong?
13. The company is not independent.
It _____ (own) by a much larger company.
14. I saw an accident last night.
Somebody _____ (call) an ambulance but nobody _____ (injure) so the ambulance _____ (not / need).
15. Where _____ (these) photographs (take)?
In London? _____ (you / take) them?

19. Question words

Put the words in brackets in the correct order. All the sentences are questions.

1. (When / was / built / this house)
_____ **When was this house built?** _____
2. (how / cheese / is / made)

3. (when / invented / the computer / was)

4. (when / Sue / working / isn't / today)

5. (what time / coming / your friends / are)

6. (why / was / cancelled / the concert)

7. (where / your mother / was / born)

8. (why / you / to the party / didn't / come)

9. (how / the accident / did / happen)

10. (why / this machine / doesn't / work)

20. Asking / Answering questions

1. Are you from Ecuador?

A. Yes, I am.

B. Yes, he is.

C. Yes, I are.

2. Would you like to play Risk?

A. No, I don't.

B. No, I wouldn't.

C. No, you wouldn't.

there is / there are: questions and short answers

3 Order the words to make questions. Then write short answers so they are true for you.

a / Is / church / your / in / there / town?

Is there a church in your town?

Yes, there is.

1 hotels / town? / Are / any / your / there / in

2 street? / sports centre / a / Is / there / your / in

3 house? / there / trees / Are / near / any / your

4 in / library / your / Is / town? / there / a

5 your / in / street? / there / newsagent / Is / a /

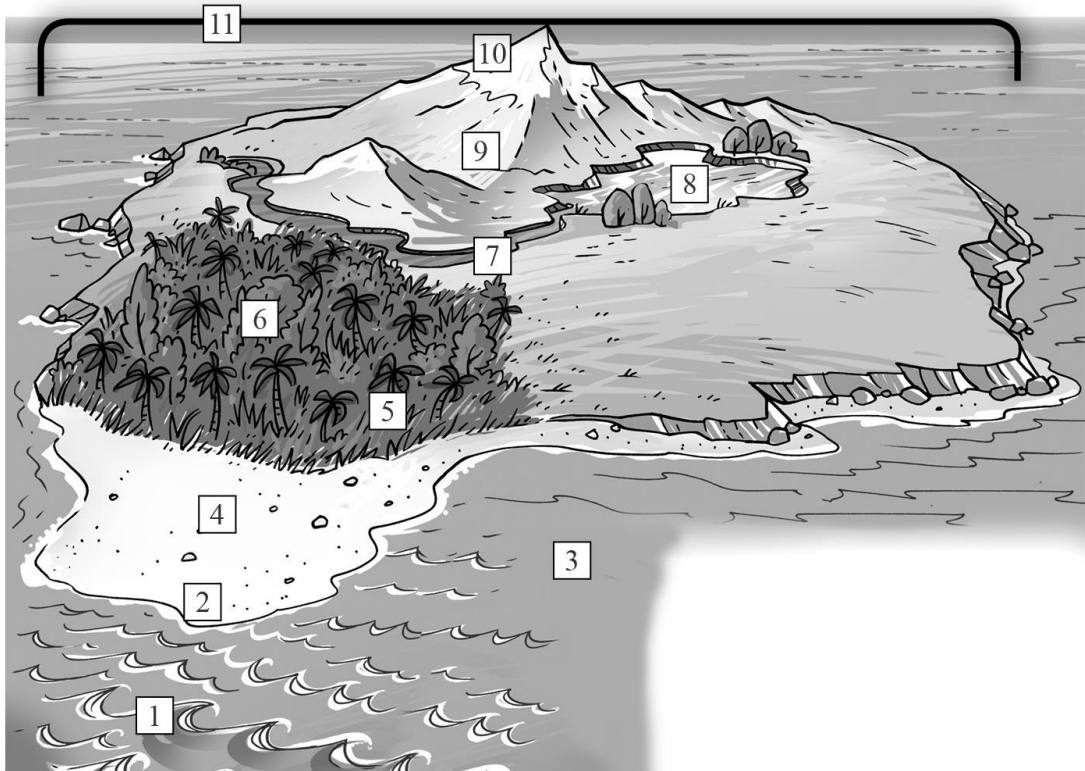
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4 s ____ or ____ s c ____ ntr ____

5 s ____ ho ____ l

Landscape features

3 **Look at the picture and order the letters to make words.**



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| 1 | sewav | waves |
| 2 | baehc | _____ |
| 3 | tawre | _____ |
| 4 | dnasa | _____ |
| 5 | stere | _____ |
| 6 | tfrose | _____ |
| 7 | virer | _____ |
| 8 | ekal | _____ |
| 9 | ainmotun | _____ |
| 10 | owns | _____ |
| 11 | daisnl | _____ |