

Nonfiction Vocabulary

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Quick Review

When you read a new word, the other words around it can help. These nearby words are clues. Use them to figure out what the word means.

PART 1 — READ

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

The Job of a Firefighter

A firefighter is a brave person who helps keep people safe. When a fire starts, firefighters rush to put it out. They wear thick coats and helmets to protect their bodies. The hot fire cannot reach their skin through this gear.

Firefighters ride in a big red truck. The truck carries long hoses. A hose is a soft tube that water moves through. Firefighters point the hose at the fire. The water flows out fast and stops the flames.

Firefighters do more than fight fires. They also rescue people who are stuck or hurt. They teach kids how to stay safe. A firefighter is a true helper in the community where many people live and work together.

PART 2 — PRACTICE

Read the passage. Then use the clues in the text to answer each question.

- In paragraph 1, what does the word brave mean?
 - very tired
 - not afraid to do hard things
 - very small
 - in a hurry
- What does protect mean in paragraph 1?
 - to keep safe
 - to make dirty
 - to give away
 - to find



3. What is a hose, as the passage explains it?
 - A. a kind of hat
 - B. a soft tube that water moves through
 - C. a big red truck
 - D. a thick coat
4. In paragraph 2, what does flames mean?
 - A. the fire
 - B. the truck
 - C. the water
 - D. the helmet
5. What does the word rescue mean in paragraph 3?
 - A. to save someone from danger
 - B. to cook food
 - C. to drive fast
 - D. to take a nap
6. What is a community, as used in paragraph 3?
 - A. a kind of truck
 - B. a place where people live and work together
 - C. a long hose
 - D. a fire alarm
7. What does the word gear mean in paragraph 1?
 - A. the special clothes a firefighter wears
 - B. the fire on the ground
 - C. the people in the town
 - D. the water in the hose
8. In this passage, the word rush means to move slowly.
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9. What does the word helper mean in this passage?

10. Pick one new word from the passage. Tell what it means and what clue helped you.



Answer Keys

- 1 A B C D
- 2 A B C D
- 3 A B C D
- 4 A B C D
- 5 A B C D

- 6 A B C D
- 7 A B C D
- 8 T F
- 9
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Explanations

1. B	A firefighter rushes into danger to help, so brave means not afraid.
2. A	The coats protect their bodies so the fire cannot reach their skin, so protect means keep safe.
3. B	Paragraph 2 says a hose is a soft tube that water moves through.
4. A	The water stops the flames, so flames means the fire.
5. A	The text says firefighters rescue people who are stuck or hurt, so rescue means to save.
6. B	The passage says a community is where many people live and work together.
7. A	The coats and helmets are the gear that protects the firefighter.
8. F	Firefighters rush to a fire, which means they move fast.
9.	Answer: A helper is someone who does things to make life better and safer for others. Accept any answer that says a helper does things for other people.
10.	Answer: Example: The word hose means a tube for water. The clue is that water moves through it. Accept any word with a correct meaning and a text clue.



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