

# Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Main Topic

Read the short story and answer each question.



## What Do Firefighters Do?

Firefighters help people in many ways. They wear special clothes and helmets to stay safe.

Firefighters ride in big red trucks. The trucks carry ladders, hoses, and water.

When there is a fire, firefighters use water to put it out. They also help people and animals get to safety.

Sometimes firefighters rescue people from car accidents. They also help when there are floods or storms.

Firefighters work in a fire station. They practice drills and get ready for emergencies.

Firefighters are brave helpers in every community.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## What Do Firefighters Do?

1. What is this text mostly about?

- A. How to drive a fire truck
- B. What firefighters do
- C. How to build a house
- D. What to do in the rain

2. What is one key detail from the text?

- A. Firefighters make cakes
- B. Firefighters wear helmets to stay safe
- C. Firefighters ride bicycles
- D. Firefighters work in schools

3. Fill in the blank:

Firefighters use \_\_\_\_\_ to put out fires.

4. What are two important things firefighters do? Use details from the passage.

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5. How does this passage help you understand why firefighters are important?

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# Parent and Teacher Guide

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**Guide Reading Level:** F

**Lexile Level:** 85L-225L

**Grade Level:** 1st Grade, Beginning of the Year

**Genre:** Informational Text

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## Introducing the Text

*"Today we're going to read a nonfiction passage about firefighters. As we read, we'll look for the main topic and remember the most important facts that support that topic. These facts are called key details."*

**Vocabulary:** firefighter, rescue, hose, emergency, brave

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## Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. What do you already know about firefighters?
  2. What do you think their job is like?
  3. Have you ever seen a fire truck?
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## During Reading Discussion Questions

1. What tools do firefighters use?
  2. What kinds of emergencies do they help with?
  3. What details show how they stay safe?
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## After Reading Discussion Questions

1. What is the main topic of the passage?
  2. What are two key details that tell more about the topic?
  3. How do firefighters help the community?
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## Activity Idea

Have students complete a "Main Topic and Key Details" chart. In the middle, they write: "Firefighters." In the outer boxes, they draw or write 3–4 key details from the passage. Then have them use the chart to retell what they learned to a partner.

