

# Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Main Topic

Read the short story and answer each question.



## What Do Firefighters Do?

**Firefighters have an important job.**

They help keep people safe during emergencies. They put out fires, help in accidents, and rescue people when they are in danger.

**Firefighters wear special gear.**

Their clothes protect them from fire, smoke, and heat. They wear heavy jackets, boots, gloves, and helmets. Some even wear oxygen tanks to breathe in smoky places.

**Fire trucks carry many tools.**

Fire trucks have ladders to reach high places and hoses to spray water. Inside the truck, there are axes, ropes, and even first aid kits.

**Firefighters must be ready anytime.**

They practice drills, clean equipment, and sleep at the fire station so they can jump into action quickly when an alarm rings.



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

## What Do Firefighters Do?

1. What is the main topic of the text?

- A. How to drive a fire truck
- B. What firefighters do and use
- C. What causes fires
- D. Why people call 911

2. What is the focus of the second paragraph?

- A. How fire trucks are cleaned
- B. What gear firefighters wear
- C. Where firefighters eat meals
- D. How to call for help

3. Fill in the blank:

Firefighters wear special \_\_\_\_\_ to stay safe in fires.

4. What is the main job of a firefighter?

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5. How do different paragraphs help you learn new facts about firefighters?

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# Parent and Teacher Guide

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**Guide Reading Level:** J

**Lexile Level:** 290L-440L

**Grade Level:** 2nd Grade, Beginning of the Year

**Genre:** Informational (Community Helpers)

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## Introducing the Text

*"Today we're going to read about firefighters. As we read, we'll pay attention to the main topic of the whole text, and we'll also think about what each paragraph is mostly about."*

**Vocabulary:** emergencies, gear, oxygen, equipment, rescue

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## Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. What do you already know about firefighters?
  2. Have you ever seen a fire truck or a firefighter in action?
  3. Why is it helpful to learn about community helpers?
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## During Reading Discussion Questions

1. What is this whole text mostly about?
  2. What is each paragraph teaching us?
  3. How do the headings or first sentences give clues about the focus?
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## After Reading Discussion Questions

1. How does each paragraph connect to the main topic of firefighters?
  2. What new things did you learn from each part?
  3. Why is it important to find the focus of different paragraphs?
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## Activity Idea

Have students create a simple "Firefighter Fact Poster." Each section of their poster should focus on one paragraph (What they do, what they wear, what they use, how they prepare). They illustrate each section and label it with a short heading and one supporting fact. Then they present it to a partner or small group.

