

Quick Check The Firefighter

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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

- **1.** How does a fire entrap a firefighter?
 - A It spreads through the treetops.
 - B It forces a firefighter into a cave.
 - (C) It moves away from the firefighters.
 - ① It cuts off a firefighter's escape routes.
- **2.** A firefighter needs to be strong because _____.
 - A he or she has to carry lots of gear
 - B he or she needs to lift lots of weights
 - (i) he or she must be a good team member
 - (D) all of the above

- 3. What is an arsonist?
 - A a person who helps firefighters
 - B a person who starts fires on purpose
 - (C) a person who clears forests
 - a person who carries water to firefighters
- **4.** Why do firefighters need to be able to rely on and trust their fellow crewmembers?
 - A They are stronger and have more gear.
 - B They have had more firefighting experience.
 - They may need their help in life and death situations.
 - ① All of the above
- 5. How is a fire crew like a family?
 - (A) They work closely together.
 - B There is a lot of camaraderie.
 - They usually eat meals together.
 - (D) All of the above

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- **6.** If a wildfire is too large to put out, what do firefighters do?
 - A force the fire to move in a certain direction
 - B move fuel out of the path of the fire
 - © burn a small, controlled back burn
 - (D) all of the above
- **7.** What is the most important gear for a firefighter?
 - (A) PPE clothing
 - B helmet
 - (C) Pulaski
 - (D) fire shelter
- **8.** How does a wildfire benefit a forest?
 - (A) clears out dead material
 - B makes room in the forest for new growth
 - © melts wax on pinecones so they will drop seeds
 - ① all of the above

- **9.** Which is a good summary statement for the section titled "Causes of Fires"?
 - A firefighter must always be prepared for a shift in the wind to change the direction of the fire.
 - B Lightning and humans are the two primary reasons wildfires begin.
 - © There have been wildfires that have been set on purpose by firefighters.
 - ① In order to survive a wildfire, a firefighter must make sure to carry the required gear.
- **10.** If something is fire-retardant, it
 - (A) tells a firefighter how hot a fire is
 - B prevents a fire from spreading
 - © causes a fire to burn quicker
 - ① all of the above





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11. Extended Response: What are three things a firefighter does that show the importance of teamwork?

12. Extended Response: Explain three reasons why you would like or would not like to be a firefighter.



LEVEL Y

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect

- **1.** (D) Main Idea and Details
- **2.** (A) Cause and Effect
- **3. (B)** *Vocabulary*
- **4.** (C) Cause and Effect
- **5.** ① Compare and Contrast
- **6.** (D) Main Idea and Details
- 7. (A) Main Idea and Details
- **8.** (D) Cause and Effect
- **9.** (B) Main Idea and Details
- **10.** B Vocabulary
- 11. Answers will vary but should include the following ideas: firefighters need to be able to give directions to others, to take directions from others, to work together on a fire line, to help others in many situations, to lead others, and to have a team spirit.
- 12. Answers will vary.