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WHAT DO YOU KNOW?



Look at the photo and answer the questions.

- a. What can you see in this picture? _____
- b. Who are these people? _____
- c. What are they doing? _____
- d. What are they wearing? _____
- e. What is their job? _____
- f. Have you seen a fire truck in Victoria? _____
- g. What do you know about the fire services in Victoria?

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VOCABULARY



emergency

uniform

fire

firefighter

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

- The _____ extinguished the house _____.
- In an _____ you must phone 000 (Triple Zero). The operator will say “Police, Fire, Ambulance?”
- Firefighters wear a special _____.

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Fire Rescue Victoria

Fire Rescue Victoria or FRV is the fire service for most of the people of Melbourne and for large Victorian regional towns.

There are **85** fire stations and more than **150** fire trucks in FRV. There are pumpers, water tankers, ladder and platform trucks and rescue vehicles.

There are over **3600** career firefighters in FRV. They all do shift work. Day shifts start at 8:00am and go for 10 hours. Night shifts begin at 6:00pm and last 14 hours.

FRV receives about **1000** fire and emergency calls every week. FRV firefighters attend many types of fires. They also go to other types of emergencies.



- a. What is the full name of the fire service for most of the people of Melbourne?

F _____ R _____ V _____

- b. What do you call the people who come to help you in a fire emergency?

f _____.

- c. How many FRV fire stations are there? _____

- d. Name 3 kinds of fire trucks used by FRV firefighters.

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Fire Rescue Victoria Firefighters

Each day when firefighters get to work, they put on their station uniforms. Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) firefighters wear a dark grey shirt and trousers or shorts. They also have a dark blue jacket. On the shirt and jacket there is the FRV crest. Each firefighter wears a name badge.



When firefighters receive an emergency call they put on their turnout uniforms. FRV firefighters wear gold trousers with red braces and a gold tunic. They wear strong black boots. A helmet with face mask protects the head and gloves protect their hands. They carry a personal radio and torch. Every firefighter must use a breathing apparatus near smoke and fire. All this clothing and equipment helps to keep firefighters safe at a fire or other emergency.

Read '*Fire Rescue Victoria Firefighters*' and answer the questions.

Tick (✓) the station uniform of Victoria's firefighters.

- | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| dark grey trousers | ☐ | yellow T-shirt | ☐ |
| blue shoes | ☐ | name badge | ☐ |
| dark blue jacket | ☐ | dark grey shirt | ☐ |
| brown hat | ☐ | FRV crest on the sleeve | ☐ |

Tick (✓) the turnout uniform of Victoria's firefighters.

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| red trousers | ☐ | helmet | ☐ |
| gold tunic | ☐ | green jumper | ☐ |
| black boots | ☐ | gold trousers | ☐ |
| gloves | ☐ | purple thongs | ☐ |

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A FIREFIGHTER'S UNIFORMS



1. Read the following information and highlight the correct word.

The **station uniform** of Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) firefighters

While not at emergencies, firefighters **water / wear** a dark grey shirt and trousers. The FRV crest is on each **shirt / shorts** sleeve. They also wear a badge with **their / them** name and rank on it. In colder weather firefighters wear a **dark / bark** blue jacket.

The **firefighting uniform** of Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) firefighters

At emergencies firefighters are **protected / paraded** by their uniform. It is called PBI Gold and is very **trick / thick** and heavy. Firefighters also have **boots / bats** and gloves to protect their feet and hands. A **strong / song** helmet is very important too.

2. Answer the questions about the uniforms of firefighters.

- a. What colour is a FRV firefighters' station uniform? _____
- b. What is on the shirt sleeves? _____
- c. What is on the badge? _____
- d. What is the name of the firefighting uniform? _____
- e. List three other pieces of firefighting uniform _____

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A FIREFIGHTER'S UNIFORMS

1. Draw arrows from the words to the parts of this firefighter's turnout uniform.

boots

trousers

torch

jacket

visor

helmet

radio

gloves



2. Complete these sentences

- Firefighters wear a u_____ that protects them from heat.
- The gold t_____ and j_____ are thick and heavy.
- A strong h_____ helps prevent head injuries.
- Their feet are protected from heat and water by black b_____.
- A pair of g_____ protects their hands.
- The r_____ allows a firefighter to contact other firefighters.
- The v_____ is connected to the helmet and shields their eyes.
- Firefighters also carry a small t_____ to use when it is dark.

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Fire and Rescue

Firefighters have special training and equipment to put out many types of fires.....

to combat a hazardous materials incident and evacuate people.....

to rescue people who have been in bad road accidents....

to rescue people who are trapped.....

to provide emergency medical care.....



Firefighters have special training to drive fire trucks safely. Other drivers must move out of the way or stop and let the fire truck pass when they hear the siren and see the red and blue flashing lights. It is an emergency!

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THE ROLES OF FIREFIGHTERS

Read the list below. Answer 'Y' for yes or 'N' for no, do you think is part of the job of a firefighter? The first one has been done for you.

• Attend hazardous materials incidents	Y
• Respond to calls to help people who are unconscious and not breathing	
• Arrest criminals	
• Fix people's cars	
• Rescue people who are trapped in tall buildings	
• Sell home fire safety equipment	
• Teach the community about fire safety	
• Give people first aid in a fire emergency	
• Extinguish house fires	
• Take sick and injured people to hospital	
• Give people drugs to stop their pain	
• Visit schools to talk about fire safety	
• Fight bush fires	
• Rescue people who are trapped in vehicles after road accidents	
• Mow people's lawns	
• Help people in fire emergencies day or night	

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FIREFIGHTING APPLIANCES



1. Read the following information and highlight the correct word.

Firefighters **call** / **calm** their fire trucks 'appliances'! There are different types of fire appliances. Pumpers and Tankers **carry** / **cry** large tanks of water for **putting** / **pulling** on fires. Rescue vehicles **hold** / **hole** lots of special equipment. Other appliances are equipped with **long** / **thong** ladders.

2. Using the headings below, write 3 paragraphs about your fire service. Some useful words are in the box.

The work of firefighters

The uniforms of firefighters

The different kinds of firefighting appliances

FRV	bushfire	respond	drive
appliances	male / female	special training	equipment
help	extinguish	carry	ready
rescue	protect	Melbourne	Victoria

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Receiving A Fire Call

The firefighters heard a loud alarm coming through the fire station speakers. The large doors of the fire station opened automatically. A voiceover now came through the speakers, “Pumper 21 turn out for a shop fire at 24 Taylor Street, Stockton”.

Without delay four firefighters rushed towards the engine bay where the pumper was parked. All the firefighters quickly donned their turnout uniforms. Trousers first, then boots, jacket, helmet and gloves. They boarded the pumper.

When everyone was ready the driver sped off into the street. The map on the screen in the truck gives directions to the driver on where to go.



List the events in the story '*Receiving a Fire Call*' in the order they occur. The first one is done for you.

Four firefighters donned their turnout gear

The alert tones sounded throughout the fire station

The driver sped off into the street

The map on the screen in the truck gives directions to the driver

The firefighters stopped what they were doing and hurried towards the engine bay

The engine bay doors opened automatically

A voiceover message told the firefighters the type of emergency and the address.

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DEFINITIONS

Read '*Receiving a Fire Call*'. Write each word next to the correct meaning.

donned

boarded

station officer

without delay

pumper

automatically

turn out

voiceover

engine bay

uniform

_____ directions coming from a speaker

_____ climbed into a vehicle

_____ where the fire trucks are parked at a fire station

_____ without a person needing to do it

_____ as fast as possible

_____ a fire truck

_____ dressed in

_____ a call to an emergency

_____ the boss at the fire station

_____ same outfit of clothing worn by a group

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The Firefighters' Busy Day

The firefighters began their shift at 8:00am. Their first emergency call for the day was to a house fire. A young lady had been drying clothes too close to a heater and they had caught fire. There was a working smoke alarm in the house. The lady had heard the alarm 'beep, beep, beep' and escaped from the fire with her baby. She phoned 000 (triple zero). The firefighters arrived quickly and put out the fire with a hose reel. The lounge room was badly damaged.



The firefighters' next call was to the home of a 75 year old lady who had collapsed. She was unconscious and not breathing. Her husband was very worried. He had phoned 000 (triple zero). An ambulance was sent and so was the fire truck. The firefighters were nearby and arrived first. They spoke to the man whose name was Peter. He said his wife's name was Yvonne. The firefighters quickly treated Yvonne. She was not breathing and had no pulse. Ambulance paramedics soon arrived. They also treated Yvonne. She was taken to hospital in the ambulance.



The third emergency was a car accident. A young driver had hit a pole and was trapped in his wrecked car. He had been texting on his mobile phone. The firefighters forced open the car door with a special tool and rescued the driver. The ambulance paramedics took the driver to hospital. The tow truck took the damaged car away.



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VOCABULARY



1. Read *'The Firefighters' Busy Day'*.

damaged

heater

trapped

escaped

treated

rescued



2. Complete the sentences with the words above.

1. The house fire started because clothes were left too close to a _____.
2. The lounge room was badly _____ by the fire and smoke.
3. The lady _____ from the house fire and waited at the letter box.
4. The ambulance paramedics _____ Yvonne.
5. The driver was _____ in the car.
6. The firefighters _____ the driver.

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COMPREHENSION

Read *'The Firefighters' Busy Day'*.

- a. Complete the sentences.

The c_____ were left to dry too close to a h_____.

The young driver had a c_____ a_____.

- b. Select the correct answer.

In the story, the lady knew the fire had started when ...

- | | |
|--|--|
| ☐ she smelled smoked | ☐ the baby started crying |
| ☐ she heard the smoke alarm | ☐ she saw the fire |

- c. Select the correct answer.

In the story, the driver of the car ...

- | | |
|---|--|
| ☐ was driving too fast | ☐ was texting on his mobile phone |
| ☐ was drunk | ☐ wasn't wearing a seat belt |

- d. The 75 year old lady was unconscious.

Choose two meanings from the box below to complete the sentence.

Unconscious means a person

and _____

looks like he or she is asleep	is bleeding badly
is not breathing	doesn't wake up
is in pain	is very cold

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SEQUENCING

Read *'The Firefighters' Busy Day'* and complete the following questions:

- a. Number the sentences in the order they happen in the story. The first one is done for you.

Peter phoned 000 (Triple Zero).

The driver of the car was rescued by firefighters.

The young lady phoned 000 (Triple Zero).

A man was driving his car while texting on his phone.

The firefighters went to a house fire.

Yvonne was taken to hospital in an ambulance.

- b. What was the firefighters' first emergency for the day?

- c. What caused the house fire?

- d. What was the driver doing when he had a car crash?

- e. What did the young lady do when her smoke alarm activated?

- f. How did Yvonne get to hospital?

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THE ROLES OF FIREFIGHTERS

Find the words from the box in this grid.
The words go across and down. One is done for you.

E	V	A	C	U	A	T	E	F	Q	W	W
X	W	H	E	L	M	E	T	I	Z	P	A
L	X	Z	Q	T	J	S	T	R	E	E	T
A	M	B	U	L	A	N	C	E	J	Q	E
D	A	Q	I	X	J	H	K	F	X	O	R
D	C	Q	P	Y	Y	A	S	I	R	E	N
E	C	P	M	Z	R	X	C	G	R	P	V
R	I	R	E	M	O	V	E	H	E	O	X
U	D	P	N	Z	A	V	P	T	S	L	Q
Z	E	L	T	W	D	M	K	E	C	I	X
C	N	M	F	I	R	E	T	R	U	C	K
Q	T	R	A	P	P	E	D	Z	E	E	X

AMBULANCE

FIREFIGHTER

SIREN

FIRE TRUCK

EQUIPMENT

ACCIDENT

STREET

POLICE

EVACUATE

HELMET

REMOVE

TRAPPED

WATER

RESCUE

ROAD

LADDER