

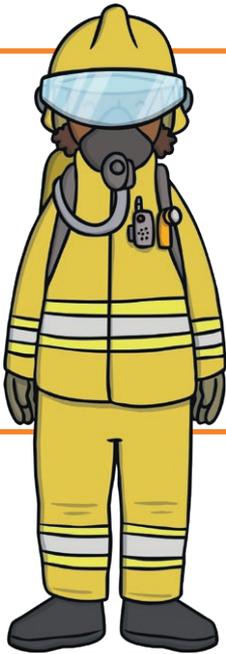
Fantastic Firefighters

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They put fires out.

They rescue people and sometimes animals.



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They wear a helmet. They also wear special boots and gloves.

A Fire Engine

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ladders

hoses



cabin

tools

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Firefighters are people who are part of the emergency services. They spend lots of time making sure buildings are safe. Firefighters put out fires and rescue people. Sometimes they are even needed to help rescue animals!



A firefighter's job can be dangerous and it is important that they work well as part of a team. They need to be fit and strong. They also need to be kind and good at making people feel calm.

A Firefighter's Uniform

Firefighters wear a long jacket and thick trousers when they are fighting fires, to protect them from the heat. They are made from special material that stops the fire from getting through. A firefighter's uniform has reflective strips on it so that they can be seen in the dark and smoke. They also wear rubber boots, thick gloves and a helmet.



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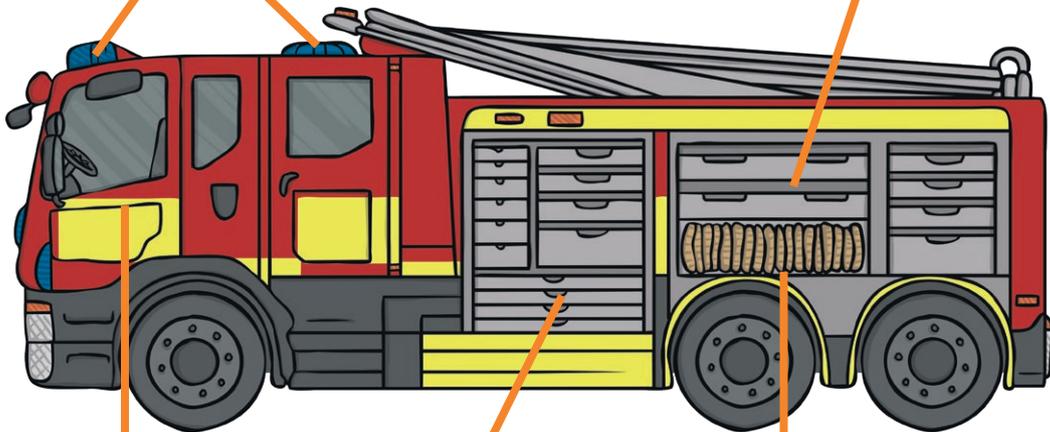
Fire engines are large trucks that carry lots of equipment to help firefighters rescue people and put fires out. Up to six firefighters can ride in one fire engine.

Sirens and blue flashing lights

These are used to let people know that the fire engine is travelling to an emergency.

Ladders

There are ladders of different lengths on top of the fire engine.



Cabin

This is where the firefighters sit.

Hoses

Different types of hoses are used to help fight fires.

Various tools

Lots of different tools are stored on the fire engine. Some are used to help rescue people in road traffic accidents.

Breathing apparatus

Firefighters need to wear masks attached to oxygen cylinders to help them breathe when working in smoke.

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 fire stoppers

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emergency

fire station

ambulance

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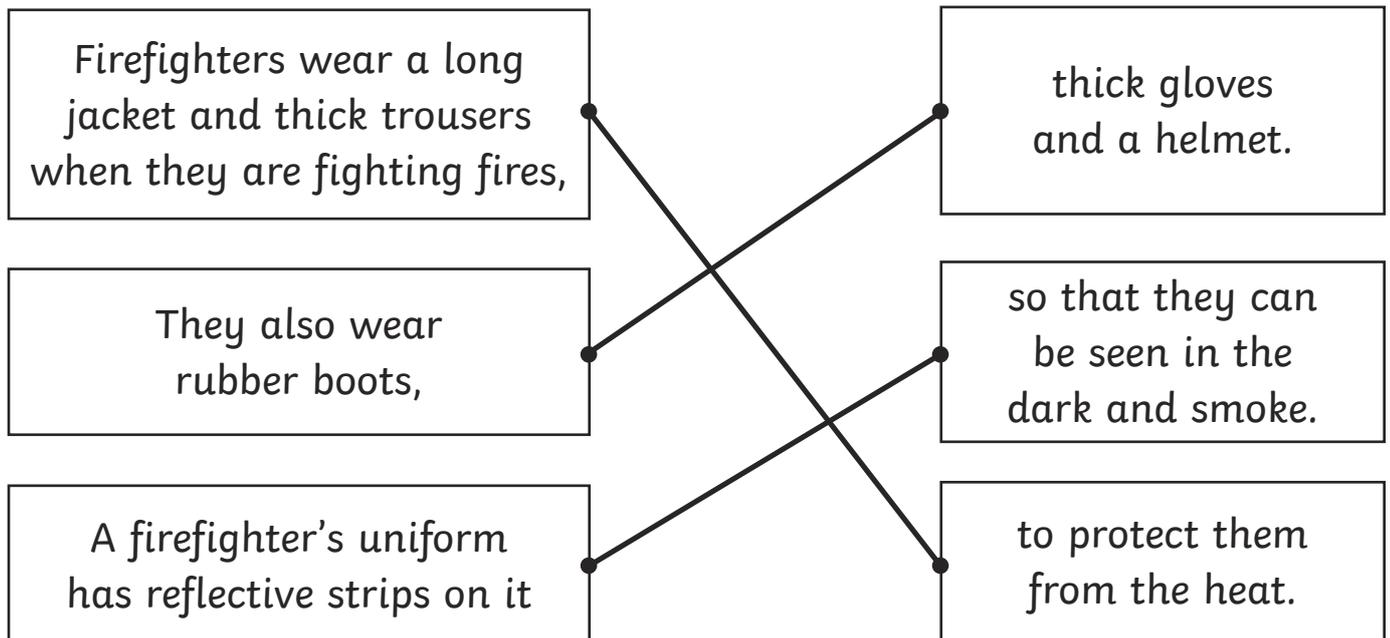
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Answers may include: making buildings safe; putting out fires; rescuing people; rescuing animals; making people feel calm.

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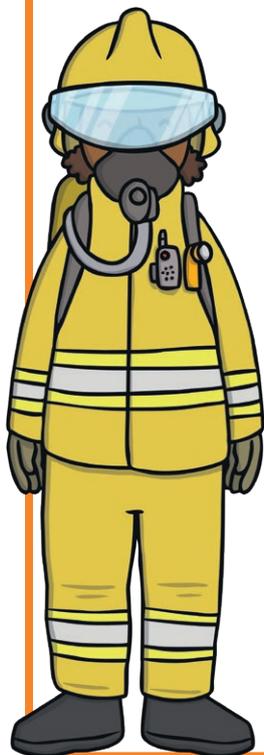
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Firefighters are people who have a very important job to do – they are part of the emergency services. Their job includes many different tasks, such as putting out fires, rescuing people who might be trapped in either a fire or an accident, teaching people about fire safety and helping to clean up chemical spills and floods. They sometimes also rescue animals!



A firefighter's job can be dangerous and it is essential that they work well together as part of a team. The job requires that they are fit and strong. They also need to be kind and good at putting people at ease when they are in stressful situations.

What Do Firefighters Wear?



When firefighters are called out to tackle a blaze, they wear a long jacket and thick trousers. These are insulated to protect them from extremely hot temperatures. Firefighters wear large protective rubber boots and thick gloves. They wear a helmet with a visor to shield their face. The firefighter's uniform has reflective strips on it so that they are visible in dark and smoky conditions.

Firefighters carry a torch so they can see in the dark. They communicate with other firefighters by using a radio. Firefighters also have to wear oxygen masks and carry oxygen cylinders to help them breathe when working in smoke.

What's on a Fire Engine?

Fire engines need to carry lots of equipment to help the firefighters to carry out their job.

Breathing apparatus

Firefighters need to wear this when dealing with smoke or chemical fumes.

They wear oxygen cylinders on their back. These are connected by a tube to a face mask which is strapped to the firefighter's head.

Hoses

There are 2 different types of hoses.

Hose reels

These are connected to the fire engine and are black or yellow. They are used for smaller fires.

Hose jets

These are larger hoses which are very powerful. Two firefighters are needed to control hose jets.

They are used to put out bigger fires.



Sirens and blue flashing lights

These are used to get people's attention so they know that the fire engine is travelling to an emergency.

Tools

Lots of different tools are stored on the fire engine. Some are used to help rescue people in road traffic accidents.

Ladders

There are 4 different sizes of ladders stored on a fire engine.

These are all different lengths. The longest ladder is 13.5 metres long!

Equipment

This includes inflatable boats and dry suits for going in water, as well as first aid equipment and animal rescue tools.

Questions

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- the danger squad
- the emergency services
- the fire club

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3. Draw a line to match these items to their purpose.

A long jacket and thick trousers	are used so firefighters can communicate with each other.
Radios	are insulated to protect firefighters from extremely hot temperatures.
Face masks and oxygen cylinders	help firefighters breathe when working in smoke.

4. Find a word in the text that means the same as a surface that sends back light.

5. Name **three** pieces of equipment that you would find on a fire engine.

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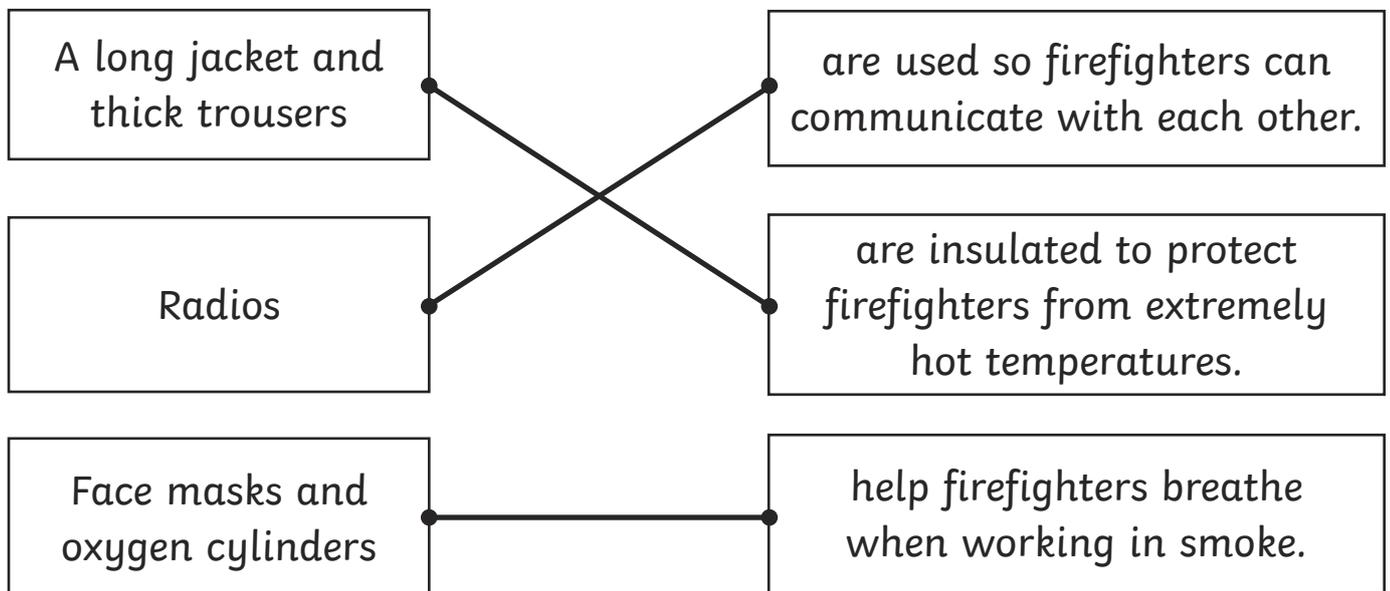
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5. Name **three** pieces of equipment that you would find on a fire engine.

Answers may include: ladders, hoses, inflatable boats, dry suits, first aid kit, animal rescue tools, other tools, oxygen cylinders, face masks, breathing apparatus.

6. Why do you think it is important that firefighters work well as a team?

Accept answers which refer to firefighting being a dangerous and difficult job and that there will be tasks that one person couldn't do by themselves.