

Fire Trivia

1. From the choices below, mark the three things that are needed to have a fire.

- a. fuel c. water e. oxygen
 b. nitrogen d. heat f. people

2. Of the three things listed below, mark the method of organized firefighting that was used in ancient Rome through early modern times to fight fires.

- a. Hoses held by at least two people
 b. Buckets passed from person to person
 c. Blankets to smother the fire

3. Mark the tool, which is also used to cut down trees, that has been used throughout history in firefighting.

- a. Power saw
 b. Chain saw
 c. Ax

4. Mark the event that happened in Great Britain in 1666 that caused more attention to be focused on organized firefighting brigades.

- a. Great Fire of London
 b. The Great Plague
 c. France invaded Great Britain

5. Mark the correct name for the basic unit in a fire department that fights fires.

- a. organization
 b. company
 c. community

Firefighting Matching

Match the term to its definition in connection to firefighting.

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| _____1. Augustus | a. organized by insurance companies in London to protect their client's property after the Great Fire of London in 1666 |
| _____2. Fire brigades of London | b. governor of colony that includes present-day New York who appointed fire wardens to inspect homes for fire hazards and appointed men to patrol at night to watch for fires |
| _____3. Bucket brigades | c. founded the first volunteer fire department in the colonies in 1736 in Philadelphia |
| _____4. Peter Stuyvesant | d. steam pumpers replaced by gasoline engines |
| _____5. Boston | e. Emperor of ancient Rome who organized vigiles, people who walked through the streets to watch for fires |
| _____6. Benjamin Franklin | f. hand pumps were replaced by steam pumpers |
| _____7. Mid-1800s | g. started the first paid fire department in the colonies in 1679; it included men who operated a hand pump |
| _____8. Early 1900s | h. formed by the American colonists where one row of volunteers passed buckets of water from person to person to throw on the fire, and another row passed the empty buckets back to be refilled |

Firefighting Fill-In

Using the words in the word box on the next page, fill in the missing words. Some of the words are listed more than once, so they are used more than once. Use each word in the word box one time.

There are two main firefighting units in most fire departments. They are the _____ company and the _____ company. Engine companies usually use trucks called _____. These trucks carry the _____ used for spraying water on a fire and have a _____ to pump the water. Ladder companies use _____ trucks. These trucks carry ladders that can be _____ or a _____ that can be _____ to _____ people from the upper stories of buildings.

When a fire department receives the _____ that there is a fire, the fire trucks go immediately to the _____ of the fire. If it is a building fire, usually both the engine and ladder trucks will go. The firefighters are told what to do by the officer that is in charge.

The engine company has firefighters that connect the hose from the pump to the _____ that is close to the fire. Then they stretch hoses from the _____ to the building that is on fire. They usually try to hose down the areas _____ the fire to keep it from _____, then they work on trying to put out the fire.

The ladder company uses _____ and _____ to help anyone who might be _____ in the building. The ladder company also has to _____ the building. They sometimes break _____ and cut holes in the _____ or the _____. _____, gases, and heat build up in a burning building and if they are not allowed to _____, the building could _____.

The ladder company also tries to _____ anything that has not yet been damaged. They cover it to try to keep it from being _____ by water, and they try to find anyplace that there could be _____ that could start burning in another place.

In the case of a _____ fire or a forest fire, special _____ is needed. Often the fire is in an area that is hard to reach. Fire departments have trucks that carry _____ and can travel to places that normal trucks cannot easily reach. Fire departments also use airplanes and _____ to carry _____ to the area where the fire is, to give them _____ about the fire, and to drop water or _____ to try to slow down the fire.

Another method that firefighters use on grass fires or forest fires is to create a _____. They do this by _____ an area in front of the fire and digging the soil up so that the fire has nothing to _____ when it gets to that point. Sometimes, they start a _____ after they

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