

House on fire!

A. Reading

Oh, no! There is a fire at the corner of Third Street and Elm Avenue in Bayside, Colorado. The fire is on the first floor of a two-story house, and it is spreading quickly. Firefighters arrived ten minutes ago, and one is using an axe to break the front door. A neighbor said that an elderly woman lives in the house.



The woman is partially deaf and can't hear very well. Her bedroom is on the second floor. The fire fighters are worried because they don't see the woman. The neighbor tried calling her when the fire started, but there was no answer. The fire chief is not sure if the woman is on the first floor of the house or the second floor. The house may collapse soon. The fire chief doesn't want his workers to get hurt.

What should he do? Should he send fire fighters into the house to look for the woman?

B. True or False

1. True Each firefighter is wearing boots and a hat.
2. True The house has two stories.
3. False The firefighter is using a hammer to break the front door.
4. True Partially deaf means can't hear very well.
5. True The house may collapse soon.

C. Yes or No – What about you?

1. _____ I live in a two-story house.
2. _____ I would like to be a fire fighter.
3. _____ I called 911 at least one time.
4. _____ There is a gas stove in my home.



D. Writing - Should the chief send fire fighters into the house? Why or why not?

I think the chief should send firefighters into the house, but only very carefully. The woman may still be inside and she might not hear the fire. They should try to save her, but they must be careful because the house may collapse.

E. Expression - Act as if you had to call 911 because of this fire

Hello, I need help! There is a fire at the corner of Third Street and Elm Avenue in Bayside, Colorado. A two-story house is on fire and an elderly woman may be inside. Please send firefighters quickly!