

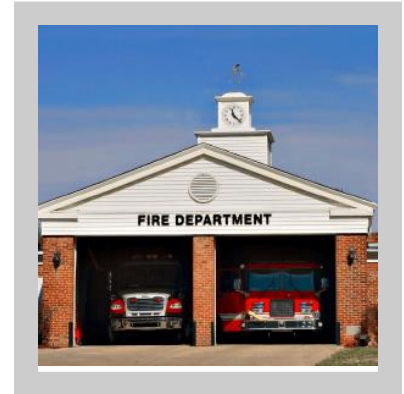
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## A Problem at the Fire Station

Eight firefighters work at Napford station. They are volunteers. This means they work for free. They don't get paid. The fire station gets money from the government. It uses this money to take care of the fire station and the fire truck.

The fire station has a problem. Last winter, a pipe in the fire station froze. Then it burst. Water went everywhere. There was a lot of damage. Now the building cannot be used.

The fire station cannot be used until the damage is repaired. Repairing the damage will cost money. But the fire station does not have enough money. The people in town are nervous. They wonder what will happen if there is a fire and no working fire station. Who will put out the fire?



- 1) How many firefighters work at Napford station?
  - A. 6
  - B. 7
  - C. 8
  - D. The passage does not give this information.
  
- 2) In paragraph 1, we learn that the firefighters who work at Napford station are volunteers. What is a **volunteer**?
  - A. someone who fights fires
  - B. someone who has a problem
  - C. someone who works for free
  - D. someone who needs help
  
- 3) What caused the damage at the fire station?
  - A. a fire started
  - B. a pipe burst
  - C. a truck crashed
  - D. a tube broke

4) The feeling at the end of the passage can best be described as

- A. worried
- B. hopeful
- C. happy
- D. excited

5) What do you think the town should do while its fire station is damaged? How can they solve the problem? Explain.

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## Answers and Explanations

1) C

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

The first sentence in the passage says, "Eight firefighters work at Napford station." Therefore choice

**(C)** is correct.

The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)** or **(B)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

The passage does give this information, as explained above. Therefore choice **(D)** is incorrect.

2) C

Core Standard: **Craft and Structure**

In paragraph 1, the passage talks about the firefighters who work at Napford station. We learn that "They are volunteers. This means they work for free." This lets us know that a volunteer is someone who works for free. Therefore choice **(C)** is correct.

The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, or **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

3) B

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

In paragraph 2, we learn that "Last winter, a pipe in the fire station froze. Then it burst. Water went everywhere. There was a lot of damage." This lets us know that a pipe burst, and this caused the damage to the fire station. Therefore choice **(B)** is correct.

The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(C)**, or **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

4) A

Core Standard: **Integration of Knowledge**

In the final paragraph, we learn that "The people in town are nervous. They wonder what will happen if there is a fire and no working fire station." The author ends the passage by asking "Who will put out the fire?" This lets us know that the feeling at the end of the passage is worried. Therefore **(A)** is correct.

The words hopeful, happy, and excited all have a positive charge. We are looking for a word with a negative charge, like worried. For this reason, choices **(B)**, **(C)**, and **(D)** are incorrect.