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Thinking First

Police officer Rachel Blair works in Queens, New York. A reporter is asking Rachel about how she does her job.

Reporter: How long have you been a police officer?

Blair: Six years.

Reporter: How did you get started?

Blair: First, I had to take a lot of tests. Then, I went to the Police Academy for 12 weeks. I learned how to drive a police car, make an arrest, and file a police report. I also had to exercise every day!

Reporter: How do you stay safe on the job?

Blair: I use my training. That helps me make sure a situation does not get out of control. I am always cautious. If I think a situation is too dangerous, I call for backup. If I run into a dangerous situation without thinking first, I can get hurt.

Reporter: Are there any new tools that police officers use?

Blair: We use special glasses that help us see better in the dark. When I wear the glasses, I can see moving objects like cars and other people at night.

Reporter: Have you ever saved someone's life?

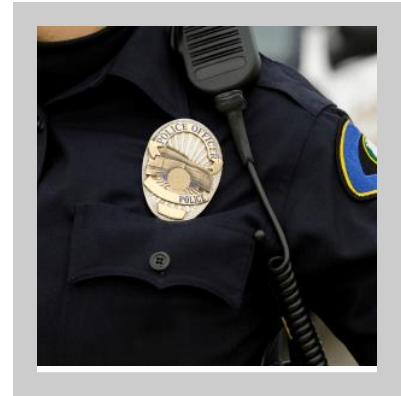
Blair: No, I haven't. But my partner has. He says it gave him a pretty special feeling.

Reporter: Do you ever get afraid?

Blair: There is no time to be afraid. I have to think about what I have to do to take care of the situation quickly and safely.

Reporter: What do you like best about being a police officer?

Blair: Helping people!



- 1) What is this passage mostly about?
 - A. what a police officer does
 - B. how a police officer is trained
 - C. what a police officer wears
 - D. how a police officer helps people

- 2) What did Rachel Blair do first to become a police officer?
 - A. She saved someone's life.
 - B. She used police equipment.
 - C. She made an arrest.
 - D. She took a lot of tests.

- 3) As used in the middle of the passage, the word **cautious** most nearly means
 - A. honest
 - B. quick
 - C. careful
 - D. understanding

- 4) Why does Rachel Blair say she does not get afraid?
 - A. She uses special glasses.
 - B. She enjoys her job too much.
 - C. She knows how to drive a police car.
 - D. She is too busy doing her job.

- 5) What does Rachel Blair like most about being a police officer?
 - A. exercising
 - B. filing police reports
 - C. helping people
 - D. using special equipment

