

## Here to Help: Firefighter by Rachel Blount

### Emergency!

My bleeper goes off. It's the commander. There is an emergency! A car has crashed into a tree and someone is trapped inside.

The crew and I run to the engine. We get into our fire kit as quickly as we can. Our trousers are rolled down over our boots so we can put them on quickly.

We speed off to the scene of the accident. The driver turns on the lights and the siren. These warn other drivers to move aside to let us pass. On the way, Brian tells us what he wants us to do when we arrive.

### Fighting fires

Back at the station, my bleeper goes again. The kitchen in a nearby restaurant is on fire! We have to move fast. I use the stairs and then the pole to get to the fire engine quickly.

At the back of the restaurant, Paul and I put on our breathing apparatus. Inside, it is full of smoke. We check every room.

We use water to put the fire out and then we can return to the station.



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1 Who do you think “*the commander*” is?  
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1d  
  
1 mark

2 Look at the information under the “**Emergency**” heading.  
**Find and copy** one word that means the team of people who work on a fire engine.  
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1a  
  
1 mark

3 Why does the fire engine driver turn on the lights and siren?  
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1b  
  
1 mark

4 Why do you think Leanne might need her breathing apparatus?  
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1d  
  
1 mark

5 The firefighters hurry to the emergency.  
**Find and copy two** things they do to make sure they are quick.  
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1b  
  
2 marks

- 6 Which statement is true?  
Choose **one**.
- Leanne only goes out to fight fires.
  - Leanne tells everyone what to do.
  - Leanne helps people who are in trouble.
  - Leanne never goes into a building that is on fire.

1b  
  
1 mark