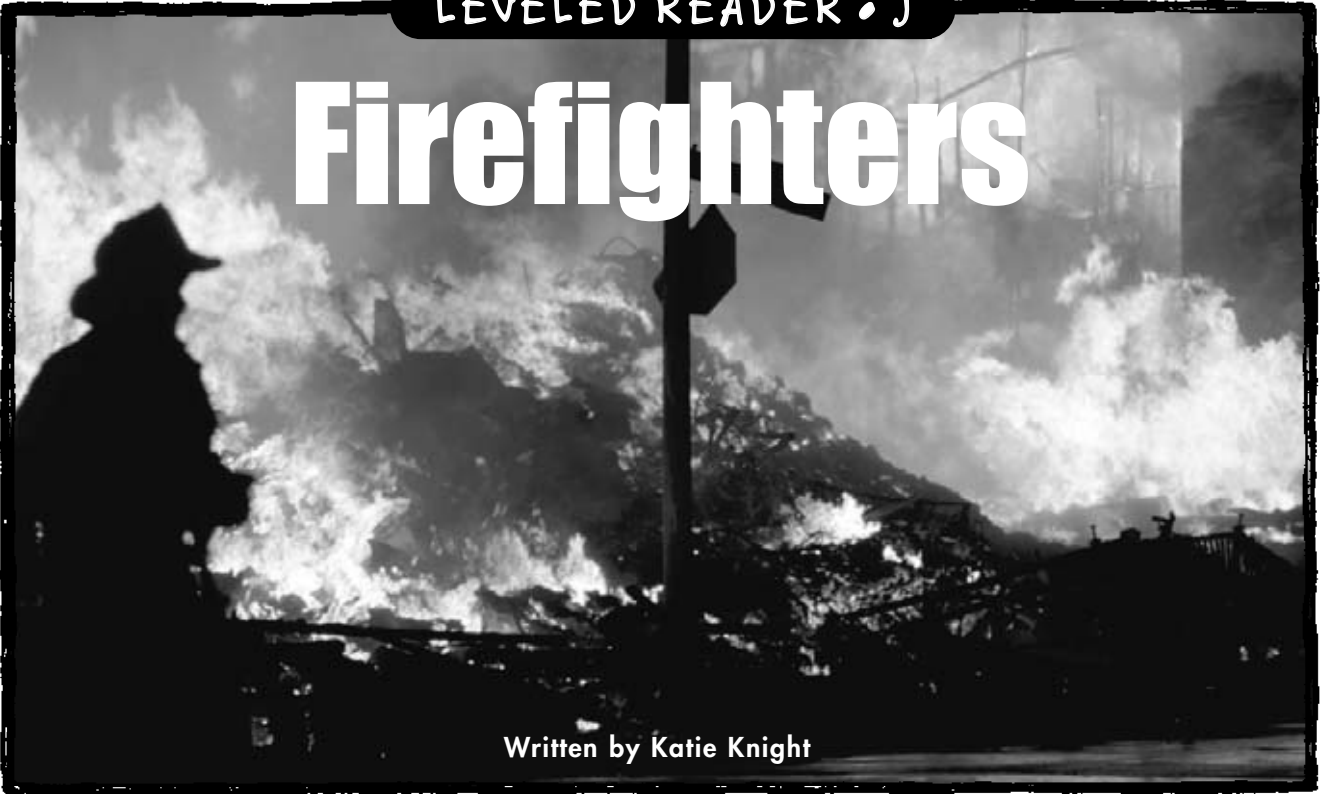


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Can you hear the loud siren?  
Firefighters rush to fight a fire in their bright fire truck.  
Firefighters put out fires and save people  
whose lives are in danger.  
They also help prevent fires.  
They inspect buildings, and they teach people about fire safety.

A fire truck races to a fire.



## Introduction



## Types of Fires

Firefighters fight many kinds of fires.

They put out house, shop, and factory fires.

They fight fires in skyscrapers.

They also fight forest fires and other kinds of fires.

This fire is in a large factory.

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Firefighters use many different tools to fight fires. They use large hoses to spray water or special foam on fires. To reach tall places, they need ladders. They chop holes in roofs or walls with axes.

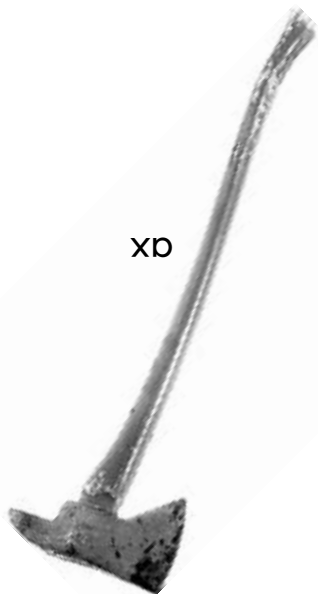
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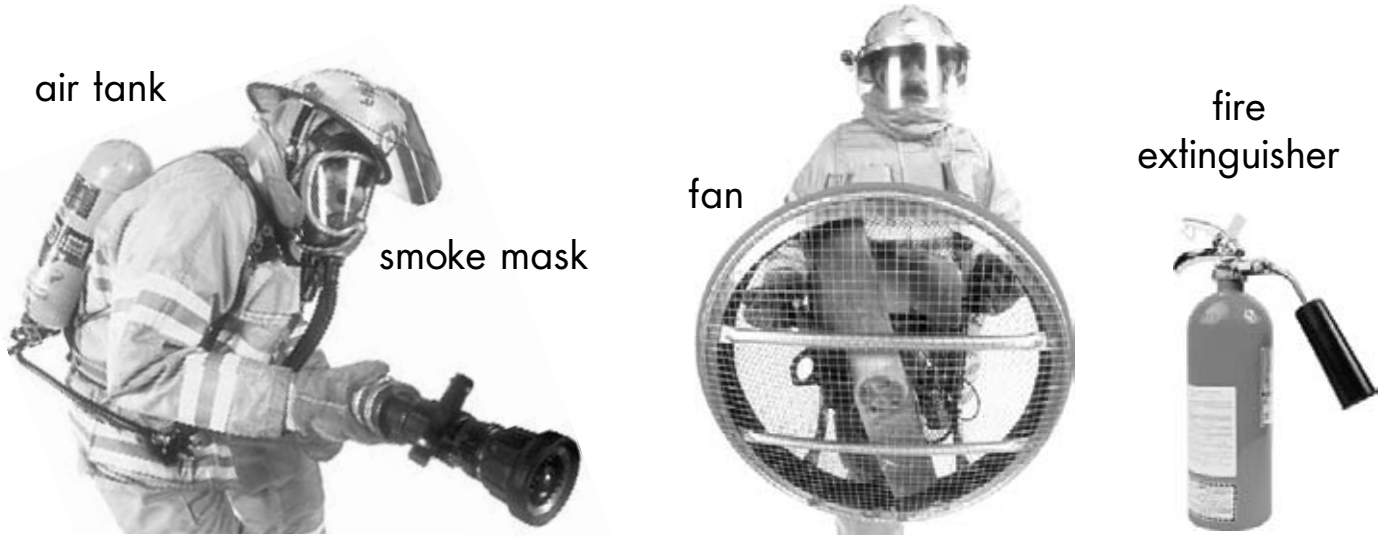
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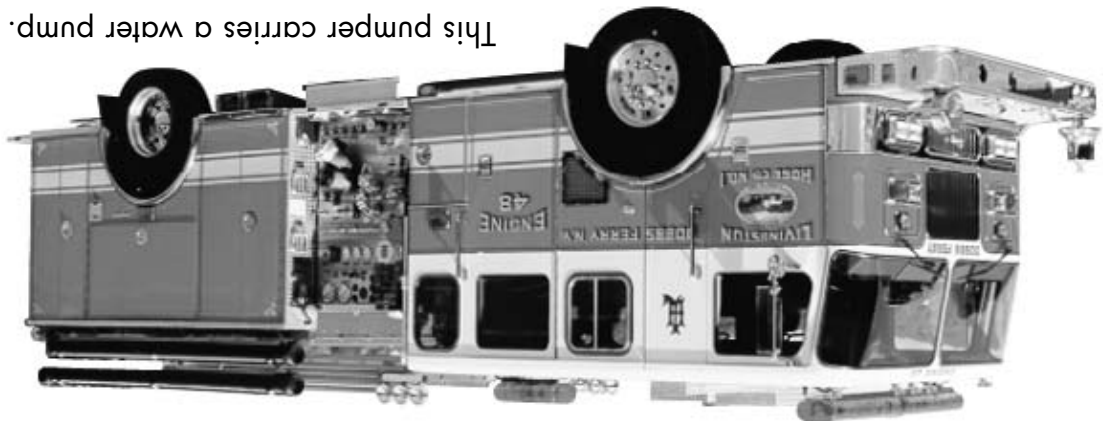
Smoke masks and air tanks protect firefighters from smoke.  
 Large fans are used to remove smoke from rooms.  
 Fire extinguishers can put out small fires.

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The fire truck is an important fire-fighting machine.  
 There are four major kinds of fire trucks.  
 The most common is the pumper.  
 It carries long hoses and a pump to spray water a great distance.

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## Fire-Fighting Machines



This pumper carries a water pump.



Ladder trucks have steering wheels in the front and back.

Other kinds of fire trucks include ladder trucks, tanker trucks, and rescue trucks.

Ladder trucks carry ladders of many different sizes.

Big ladder trucks have a ladder that can reach eight stories high.

Tanker trucks carry water to fight fires in places without water.

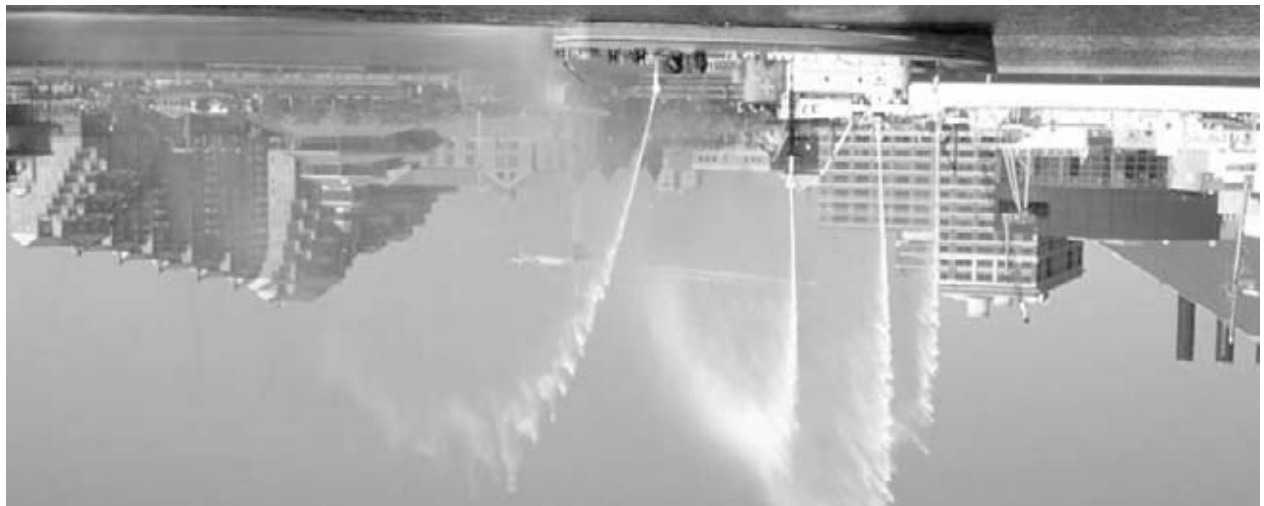
Rescue trucks carry supplies to help trapped or hurt people.

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There are other kinds of fire-fighting machines.  
Fireboats fight fires on other boats that are in the water.  
They pump water from under the boat and spray it on the fire.

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Fire boats can spray seawater.





A plane dumps chemicals on a forest fire.

Helicopters dump water on fires that trucks cannot reach.

Large planes are used on forest fires.

Sometimes planes dump fireproof chemicals instead of water.

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You also must pass a written test.

You must be in very good shape to fight fires.

Before you can be a firefighter, you must pass a fitness test.

You must be 18 years old to be a firefighter.

## **Becoming a Firefighter**

Men and women train to become firefighters.





Firefighters go to  
firefighting school for training.

Firefighters ride high  
in bucket ladders.

They learn how to fight different kinds of fires.

They learn how to rescue people and how to treat injuries.

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Every year, fires destroy thousands of buildings.  
Fires also take many lives.  
And fires destroy large areas of forest.

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## Summary



This destruction was  
caused by fire.





Firefighters save people and buildings every day.

Long ago, fires burned down entire cities.  
There was no way to stop fires from spreading.  
But today, we have brave firefighters to put out fires  
and keep us safe.

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Firefighters and their trusty friend take a break from their hard work.

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