

Teacher's Notes

Fire Services in Hong Kong

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(Based on New Welcome to English 4B Unit 1)

The reading task:

Do you want to become a fireman / firewoman? Do you know what a fire officer does? Read the following text and finish the two tasks.

Possible new vocabulary:

emergency	attempt
Injured	installation
collapse	malfunctioning

Classroom Procedure:

1. Teachers may introduce the theme of the reading text by asking the students two questions: "What causes a fire?" and "What does a fireman / firewoman do?" The students are free to give answers according to their common knowledge. Teachers may then teach the new vocabulary items of the text as another pre-reading activity.
2. Teachers then briefly explain the reading task, which includes a reading text and two short tasks. Remind the students to finish the tasks after reading the text (15 minutes for reading the text and 10 minutes for doing the tasks).
3. Finally, teachers may check the answers of the tasks with the students. If time allows, go over the new vocabulary with the students again.

Read this.

Fire Services in Hong Kong



We often see firemen on the television. They fight fires and save people from danger. Are you interested in knowing more about the work of a fireman / firewoman?

There are a total of 9,351 fire officers in Hong Kong. Their incident uniforms include helmets, jackets, trousers and boots. They are responsible for fire-fighting and rescue on land and sea. They also provide an emergency ambulance service for the sick and injured, and give fire protection advice to the public.

Once the fire officers receive reports of an incident, they will take action immediately and arrive at the locations of the incident as soon as possible. Our fire officers handle fire cases. They also deal with a wide range of accidents such



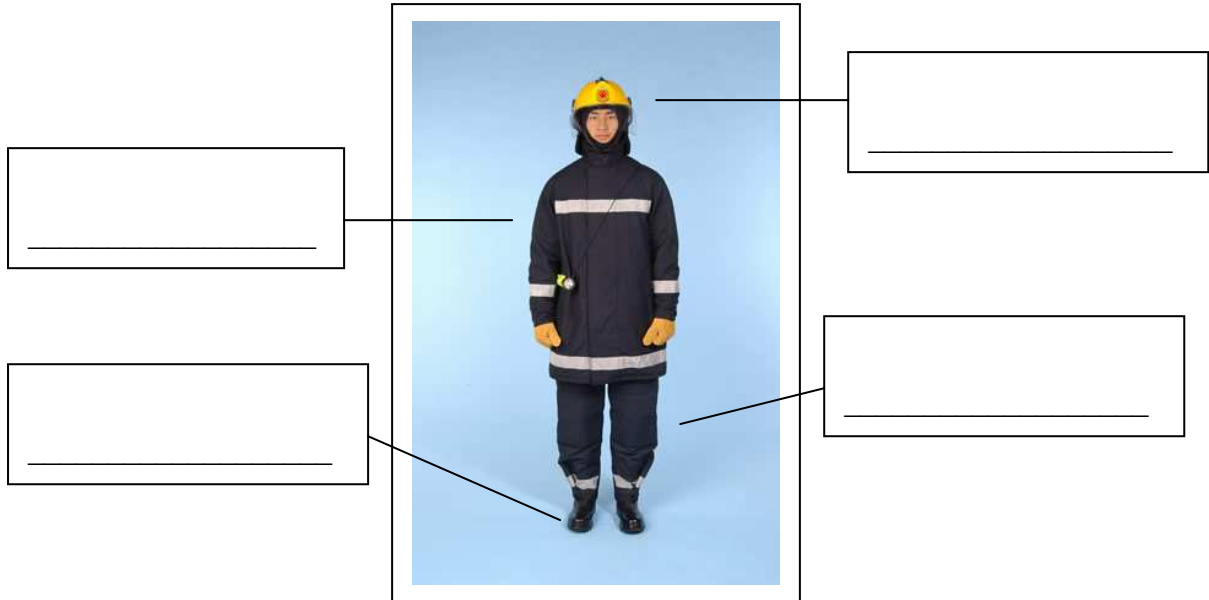
as traffic accidents, landslides, flooding, house collapses, attempts by people jumping from a height and malfunctioning lifts. The ambulances then arrive and send the patients or injured to clinics or hospitals.

What else do the fire officers do? They enforce safety rules and laws, issue licences to shops and stores and check fire service installations in buildings. They also promote fire safety to the public.

Kids, do you want to become a fireman / firewoman when you grow up?

Complete these.

A. What does a fireman wear? Name them.

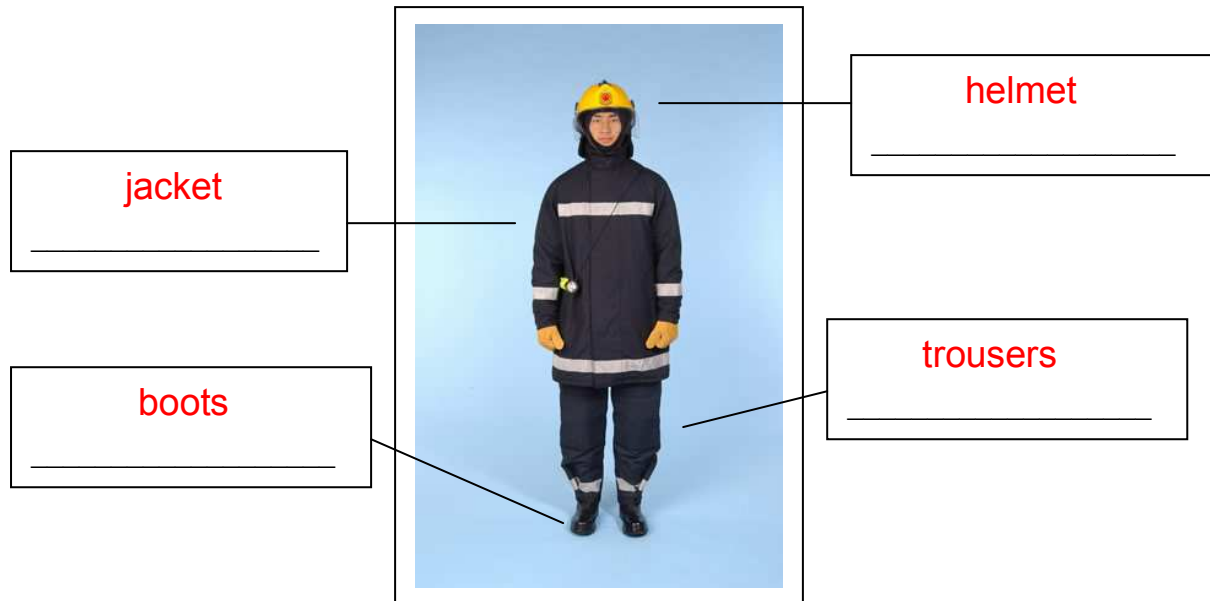


B. Finish the checklist. Put a tick on the job duties of a fire officer.
Can you suggest one more job duty for the fire officers?

<u>Job Duties of a Fire Officer</u>	
1. Fighting fire in a building. -----	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Saving people in a landslide. -----	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Catching a thief in a flooding area. -----	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Sending injured people to hospitals. -----	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Inspecting fire service installations in a factory. -----	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Promoting road safety. -----	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Saving a bus driver in a traffic accident. -----	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Giving fire safety advice to the students of a primary school.-----	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. _____	

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8. Giving fire safety advice to the students of a primary school.-----	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9. <u>Saving people when a house collapses.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>