

## House on Fire

### A. Reading

Oh, no! There is a fire at the corner of Third Street and Elm Avenue in Bayside, Colorado. The fire is on the first floor of a two-story house, and it is spreading quickly.

Fire fighters arrived ten minutes ago, and one is using an axe to break the front door. A neighbor said that an elderly woman lives in the house. The woman is partially deaf and can't hear very well. Her bedroom is on the second floor.

The fire fighters are worried because they don't see the woman. The neighbor tried calling her when the fire started, but there was no answer. The fire chief is not sure if the woman is on the first floor of the house or the second floor. The house may collapse soon. The fire chief doesn't want his workers to get hurt. What should he do? Should he send fire fighters into the house to look for the woman?



### B. True or False

1. \_\_\_\_\_ The fire fighter is wearing boots and a hat.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ The house has two stories.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The fire fighter is using a hammer to break the front door.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ *Partially deaf* means can't hear very well.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ The house may collapse soon.

### C. Yes or No – What about you?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I live in a two-story house.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be a fire fighter.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ I called 911 at least one time.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ There is a gas stove in my home.

### D. Writing – Should the chief send fire fighters into the house? Why or why not?

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