Stop the Fire

Lightning strikes in the forest and hits a tree. Swoosh. The tree turns into a ball of fire.

Then the tree next to it catches fire. A forest fire has started.

How can people stop the fire before it burns down farms, homes, or cities?

Teams of firefighters rush to the burning forest. Firefighters are trained to put out fires.

Some firefighters spray the flames with water and chemicals. Others cut away brush and trees, so the fire can’t spread.

And some firefighters fly special planes that dump water and chemicals on the burning trees.

Firefighting is hard, hot work. It may take many days to put out a large forest fire.

If the fire gets too big, the firefighters may be spread too thin. So, more firefighters come from all around the country to help.

The forest fire is finally out. The firefighters go home and rest, so they will be ready to fight the next fire.

Pre-Reading Questions

Do you know a firefighter? What do firefighters do? What do you think it would be like to be a firefighter? In this story, we will learn how firefighters put out fires.

Comprehension Questions

1) In this story, the forest fire started by _____.
   A. fireworks
   B. a campfire
   C. lightning

2) The words spread too thin mean _____.
   A. very skinny
   B. not enough people to do the job
   C. too scared to fight the fire

3) One way firefighters put out fires is to _____.
   A. put water and chemicals on it
   B. stop the lightning
   C. dump oil on it