

In Today's News

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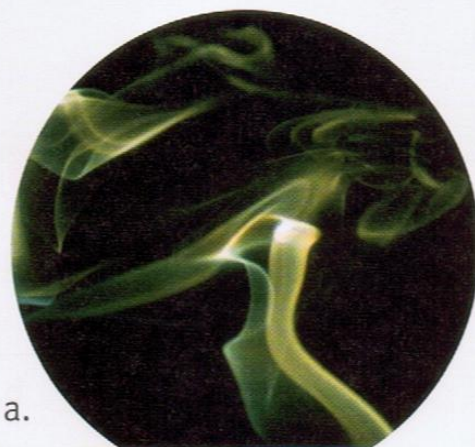
Pre-reading

1. What room is this?
2. What is happening in the picture?
3. What could happen next?

Vocabulary Preview

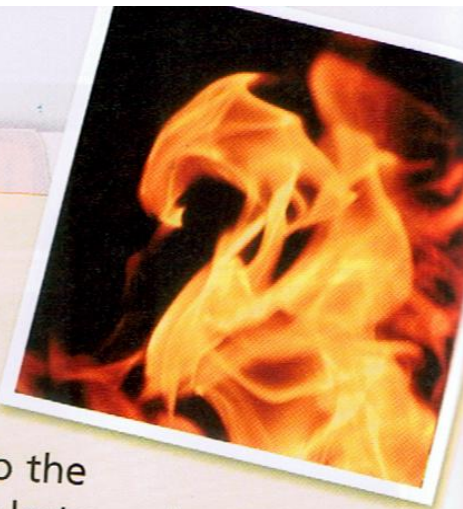
Match the word or phrase with its meaning.

1. ____ Fire can be a hazard in the kitchen.
2. ____ Water can damage a computer.
3. ____ Don't worry! That's a minor problem.
4. ____ The lightning caused a fire in the forest.
5. ____ Where there is smoke, there is fire.
6. ____ Orlando completely finished his work.



- a.
- b. small; unimportant
 - c. harm or hurt
 - d. made happen
 - e. danger
 - f. totally

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There was a small fire in the kitchen of Oakwood Middle School today at 10:25 a.m. There was a lot of smoke, which spread to the classrooms near the kitchen, but the fire did not last very long.

5 Damage to the kitchen was minor. All of the teachers and students got out of the building safely, and no one was hurt. Firefighters arrived at the school soon after they were called. It took them about twenty minutes to put out the fire completely. The fire started when the cooks began to prepare for the students' lunch.

10 "The stoves were so old that they caused a fire," said Gavin Smith, the fire chief. "I think they had the same stoves when I went to school here! **They** have been a fire hazard for a long time, and the school will need to buy new stoves now. I am delighted that the fire did not spread to other parts of the school."

15 The school was closed for the day, and the students were allowed to go home. Tonight, the school will be cleaned and prepared for classes tomorrow. So, there will be school tomorrow, but students will have to bring their own lunches until the kitchen is fixed!

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Word Practice

Choose the correct word or phrase.

- Larry worked hard to _____ for his history test.
a. fix b. prepare c. spread d. cause
- Her uncle had to _____ the computer before they could play computer games.
a. be allowed to b. hurt c. need d. fix
- We were late because we had a(n) _____ problem finding the house!
a. hazard b. new c. minor d. open
- Pamela's watch was _____ when the dog tried to eat it.
a. damaged b. called c. started d. spread to

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. What is the news report about?
 - a. A fire that hurt someone
 - b. A problem with new ovens
 - c. A silly new worker at the school
 - d. A problem at the school
2. How was the fire caused?
 - a. By old equipment
 - b. By careless workers
 - c. By damage to the kitchen
 - d. By a hazardous lunch
3. What does “they” refer to in line 12 of the reading?
 - a. Teachers
 - b. Firefighters
 - c. Cooks
 - d. Stoves
4. According to the reading, which of the following is NOT true?
 - a. The firefighters arrived quickly.
 - b. Much of the school was damaged.
 - c. Students will go to class tomorrow.
 - d. The students can't have lunch from the kitchen until it is fixed.



Focus On Synonyms

Match the word with its meaning.

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| 1. _____ hurt | a. small |
| 2. _____ hazard | b. damage |
| 3. _____ completely | c. all |
| 4. _____ minor | d. danger |

Words and Phrases

- be allowed to

The students **were allowed to** go home.

- (my / his / their) own (lunch / money / snack)

My mom says that I should earn **my own money**.

- spread to

Philip was angry when the new virus **spread to** his computer.

Fill in the blank with the correct phrase. Change the form of the words if necessary.

1. Hey! Don't eat my lunch. Eat _____ lunch!
2. Jason stayed home so his cold would not _____ other students.
3. I _____ watch TV after I do my homework.

Summary

Fill in the blank with the correct word or phrase.

lunches put out minor completely allowed



There was a fire at Oakwood Middle School at 10:25 a.m. It started in the kitchen. No one was hurt, and firefighters **1** _____ the fire **2** _____. The fire chief, Gavin Smith, said, "The stoves were very old." Damage was **3** _____, but the school was closed and the students were **4** _____ to go home. There will be school tomorrow, but students must bring their own **5** _____!

Listening

Did You Hear the News?

Listen to the dialog and take notes.

Use your notes to fill in the blanks.

What news did the girl hear?

What happened first? After that?

Was anyone hurt? Was anything damaged?

Who saw this happen? What was he or she doing?

Listen again and check your notes.

Story Summary

There was a _____ in front of the girl's school. The traffic _____ turned _____, but one _____ didn't _____. It hit another _____. _____ was hurt, but the _____ were quite damaged. Wayne was _____ the road when it happened and he saw everything.

My Story Notes

What news have you heard or seen lately? Write some notes.

Using your notes, write your story in complete sentences.

What news did you hear or see?

What happened first? After that?

Was anyone hurt? Was anything damaged?

Who saw this happen? What was he or she doing?

Writing

Speaking

Look at the dialog. Fill in the blank with the correct choice.

- a. Was anyone hurt?
- b. that caused the fire
- c. fire in the library
- d. How did it start?



- G Did you hear the news?
B No, what happened?
G There was a 1 _____.
B Oh, no. 2 _____.
G No one was hurt. But the library was really damaged.
B 3 _____.
G They think someone was smoking in the bathroom, and
4 _____.

Now practice with a partner. Make your own answers.

Vocabulary Review

Choose the answer **opposite** in meaning to the word or phrase.

1. Sean had some minor cuts on his leg after he fell off his bike.
a. easy b. terrible c. safe d. upset
2. I thought Billy forgot my birthday, so I was completely surprised by his gift.
a. not very b. nervously c. quickly d. usually
3. Marisa is prepared for her trip to California.
a. damaged b. convenient c. not ready d. not really
4. That math problem is very complicated.
a. startled b. simple c. in pieces d. specific