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The Firefighter

The Story

The back of the house was already ablaze when the firefighting crew arrived on the scene. They jumped out of the fire truck and began to unravel the lengths of hose on the front lawn. Just as the crew turned on the first deluge stream, a man sprinted from behind the house and approached a firefighter, distraught with worry.

“Please help! My son is still in his room,” he cried helplessly.

The father didn’t even have to finish his plea. Already committed to entering the burning house, the firefighter snapped on a face mask and attached an oxygen tank.

“Okay, please remain calm. Step back with the others. I will get your son,” the firefighter said through their muffling breathing apparatus.

The front door of the house was wide open, and smoke was billowing out into the sky above. With the goal of rescuing the boy, the firefighter entered the building.

After tactically assessing the situation in the hallway, the firefighter hurried to the kitchen to find it aflame. There wasn’t much time before the rest of the house would ignite!

Suddenly, with an incredibly loud crash, the ceiling above the dining table collapsed. It was time to move. Through their foggy plastic visor, the firefighter carefully searched the nearby rooms. Two small feet could be seen popping out from under the bed. “It’s getting a bit hot in here,” the firefighter crouched down and said to the boy. “Should we go outside for some fresh air?”

The boy wriggled out from under the bed, and the firefighter scooped him up and held him tight. They rushed out of the house to a waiting ambulance and to the boy’s thankful father.

As soon as the child was safe, the firefighter jumped on a hose and helped the rest of the crew extinguish the blaze. It was a tough fight to stop the fire spreading to the neighbouring houses, but, despite the challenges, the firefighter led their crew and safely completed the job.

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Questions

1. Draw a picture of the firefighter holding the face mask and helmet. How did you imagine this person to look when reading the story?

2. What personal qualities did the firefighter display in the story?

3. Did the firefighter do a good job in the story?

4. What gender is the firefighter you imagined?

5. Why do you think you drew a firefighter of that particular gender?

6. In the story, was the gender of the firefighter ever revealed? _____

7. If the author intended for the firefighter to be female, what female gender stereotypes is the firefighter challenging?

8. Reread the story and correct the firefighter's pronouns to be more accurate.

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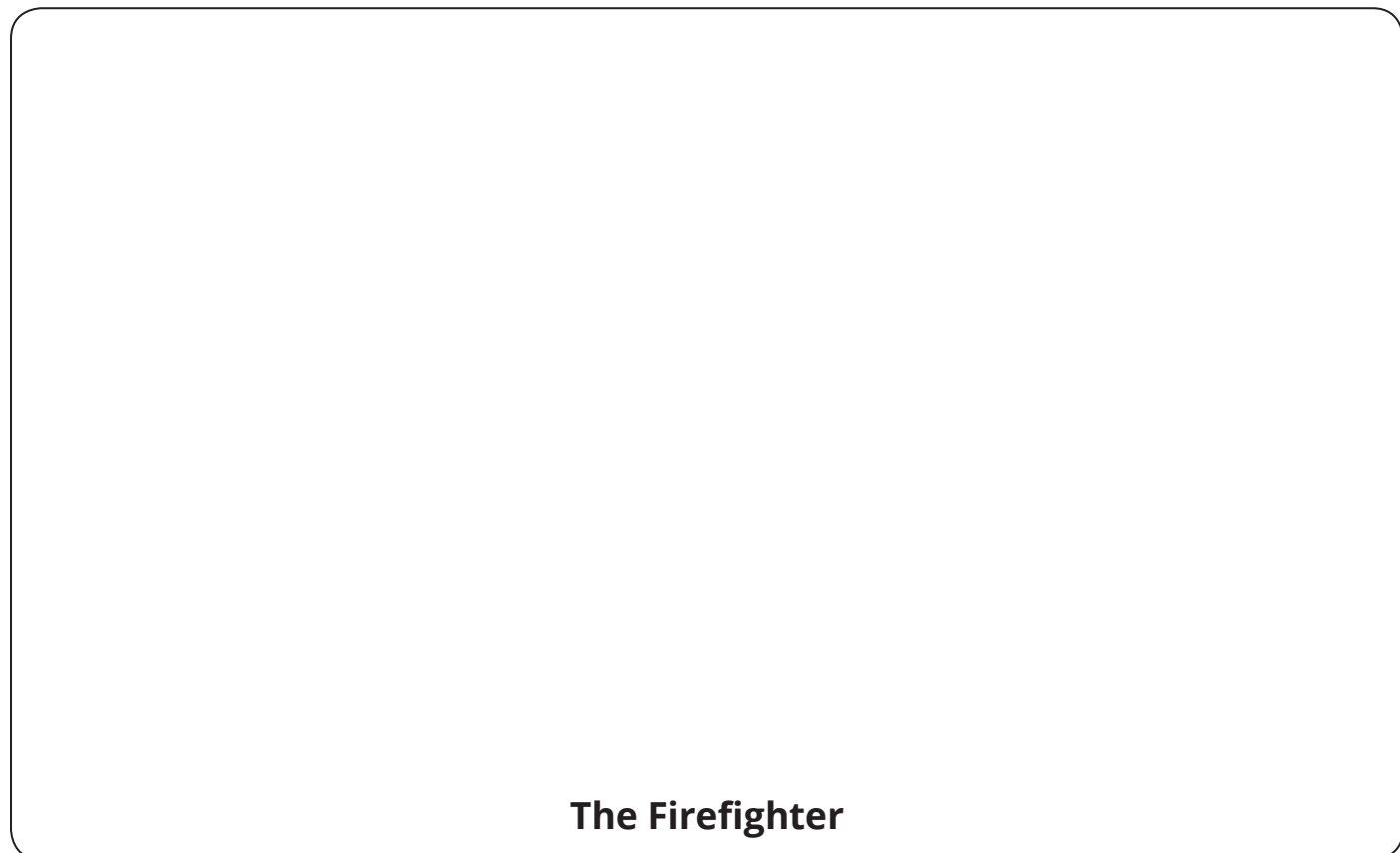
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1. Draw a picture of the firefighter.



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2. Did the firefighter do a good job in the story?

3. Did you draw a male or female firefighter?

4. Why do you think you drew a male/female firefighter?
