

The English-learning group of 1MELEC & MEI worked on the firefighters' work and skills. They watched a video to learn the vocabulary related to the firefighters' equipment. Then they read and wrote the end of a firefighter story.

Enjoy!

THE FIREFIGHTER EQUIPMENT



The story:

"There's a fire right across the street right now. I'm... I'm at the Forest Hills apartments over on 28th street."

Siren activated. 2 AM on the weekend.

I jump up. I love the rush of pure adrenaline. I'm speed walking to the truck bay. LT came out and said: *"We got a fire up on 28th!"*

I jump in my bunker pants, put on my boots, catch my helmet. I throw my jacket on then I hop in the truck. Nomex, gloves, SCBA mask on. We're headed out, we've got the sirens pumping.

Battle the Blaze. Lives are at stake, get out of our way.

First on scene. The scene safe. Unit 360. Establish command. Talk to bystanders quickly.

"There are kids up there."

Confirmed, people on the 4th floor. Search two in, two out. Stay in those teams of four. Second crew's on water supply. We got a crew on the roof. Forced entry on the fourth floor. Move in quick. Smoke thick. The first room we found two kids hiding in a bedroom closet. *"Bring them down!"* I looked back. The doorway collapsed. Hit the wall with an axe and got them out the back.

Brought the kids down safe, Medics got them in the truck. Another team went in and got stuck. *"What happened?!"* Their only exit got blocked by a beam.

- *Engine 5 you copy?*

- *Yeah, we're stuck inside! Third floor, last room on the bravo side.*

- *We're coming. Stay calm and we'll be right there.*

They went up to the second floor and got beneath them, told them get to the corner. *"We're about to breach."* Powered up the K12 and cut through the floor, made a hole big enough for them to jump right through.

And now the end of the story...

by Alexandre

... To find Engine 5 on the third floor Engine 2 speed the intervention because it is a critical situation, one member of Engine 5 is dead and another member has helmet and hands broken. Engine 5 have found a kid was in the closet in a room on the third floor.

Engine 2 cut a wall with the K12 to find Engine 5 with the kid but the house threatens to explode. The crew and the kid go down all floors and go next in emergency truck. One firefighter of Engine 5 is dead after operation but they found all the people lost in the house on fire.

by Roman

... One firefighter was falling on the head and lay in blood, the second firefighter was falling good but her leg was twisted. The woman shout: "HELPPP my leg is broken, exit me from there!" The other man said "I lost blood, call a medical team please!"

The thick smoke smothers the firefighters and they start to faint. A medical team arrived and they succeed to exit the two injured firefighters.

Then there are again six firefighters blocked. The fire grows and the water hose are not enough. The firefighters blocked call help to the radio at the Engine 5 to have a second water hose and put out the fire.

The firefighters succeed to exit but they need water supply.

by Julien

... After they have seen the hole half the group dodged the beams that fell from the top. They come and find a rope. The second group quietly sneaks into the hole and they run away without problem.

by Bastian

... When they jump I straight in 3rd floor because I heard a scream "HELP!". I went to the apartment to try to save a little girl. I went to the hole to exit the building and I managed it. At that moment I give the girl to her parents; at that moment I see the fear in the eyes of the mother and the comfort in the eyes of her father.

After we went to drink a beer to celebrate this and at this moment I saw I have a good team.

by Anthony

... They jumped on through, but one fireman of two break his foot. We stay calm and stay attentive.

- Engine 2 come in please because we have one fireman injured.

- Engine 1, help Engine 2 please and escort fireman injured.

The injured fireman is transported in hospital, and it is not very important. He has twenty-two day of recovering.

The fire is off.

This is the weekend for me. I am happy of my day and the five team go back to the fire station.

by Florent

Engine 4 – *Hurry down the floor, Engine 5.*

Engine 5 – *Thanks, Engine 4, escape the building.*

Engine 4 – *OK, let's go!*

Engine 5 and Engine 4 run to exit but the floor collapsed.

Engine 4 – *We have gone down on rope the second floor.*

The roof, 4th floor and 3rd floor collapsed. It is a race against the clock. We have to hurry. Meanwhile the building continues to collapse little by little.

Engine 3 – *Engine 5, we are going 1st floor of the building by stairwell.*

Engine 5 – *Copy that.*

Engine 3 – *Engine 5 glad to hear you. Hurry down, the building will not hold very long, it's real fire up.*

Engine 5 – *Understood, we do it as fast as possible.*

Shortly after seeing the building on fire everyone is at a safe distance from the building to the point of collapse.

by Diego

... After making the hole, the house move and because of the fire two people fall. There is one who breaks his ankle. Another team go get people blocked in the cellar. All falls on them and burns them but they manage to save them and so they come out alive. Two other are blocked up so everyone gets out and another team takes the truck to go up the ladder and look for what block them. There were a lot of people outside, everyone is watching and when the firefighter put off the fire everyone applauded.

by Niko

Engine 2 (Captain) *"Ok, we made a big hole in the ceiling"*

Engine 5 (Captain) *"Ok nice! Can we jump?"*

Engine 2 (Captain) *"Yes Engine 5! Jump!"*

Engine 5 jump across the hole and join Engine 2.

Engine 2 (Greg) *"CHIEF! Be careful, the roof is very fragile!"*

Engine 5 (Captain) *"Yeah, I see that, help me please! ALAN! Take the K12!"*

Alan *"Ok, I have it."*

Engine 2 (Captain) *"Oh s***! Engine 5! Pay attention, the floor start to break!"*

Engine 5 (Captain) *"Yes, I know, faster! Go, go, go!"*

Engine 2 Captain, Engine 5 Captain, Greg, Alan and the other mates run to the exit but the ceiling of the entrance door falls on them.

Engine 2 (Captain) / Engine 5 (Captain) *"STOP! The ceiling falls!"*

Alan *"Ok, I make a hole on the wall to run away from the apartments!"*

Engine 2 (Captain) *"Yes good idea Alan, let's go!"*

Alan made a hole on the wall and all teammates ran away from the apartments. Engine 2 Captain and Engine 5 Captain congratulate their teammates.

Engine 2 (Captain) *"Good job Alexander, Frank and Zack, we are the best team!"*

Engine 5 (Captain) *"We are so strong! Thank you Alan, Abraham, and Daniel!"*

Both teams embrace the victims and go back to the station.

by William

... Engine 5 jumped for the second floor and broke the floor. Engine 5 and engine 4 are first floor. Half of engine 5 and engine 4 broke their feet and hands.

Engine 5 and Engine 4 – *You copy?*

Engine 1 – *Yes, copy.*

Engine 5 and Engine 4 – *We have a problem. Half of our two team break the foot and hands because the second floor broke. We are on the first floor.*

Engine 1 – *Alright, we are coming for you.*

Engine 5 and Engine 4 – *Alright, you are waited.*

Engine 1 gets us back and all the world is saved. We have put out the fire then we all returned to the station to do a report on this intervention. Even if it is to risk, I want continue to save people from the flame because saving life is a honorable gesture. It is also for restore hope in people.