

I Like the man in the picture, Mark Bezos is a firefighter. He described this dangerous and exciting work in a talk at TED. Here are some words you will hear in his TED Talk. Complete the paragraph with the correct words. Not all words will be used.

flames *n.* the hot, glowing gas that can be seen when a fire is burning
footrace *n.* a running race
homeowner *n.* a person who owns a home, or an apartment
load *n.* the amount of goods or material that is carried
remarkable *adj.* unusual or surprising
vocation *n.* a strong desire to spend your life doing a certain kind of work

Volunteer firefighters are (1) _____ people. Although they have other jobs, they also feel a strong (2) _____ to help others. Even when (3) _____

are burning through the walls of a building, volunteer firefighters ignore the heavy (4) _____ on their backs and run in to save the (5) _____, their family, and even their pets.



C Look at the pictures on the next page. Check (✓) the information that you predict you will hear in the TED Talk.

- _____ 1. There are many volunteer firefighters around the world.
- _____ 2. Being a volunteer firefighter is very important to me.
- _____ 3. My colleague was assigned to rescue the homeowner's dog.

While You Watch

A  Watch the TED Talk. Circle the main idea.

1. If you are interested in volunteering, there are many ways to help in your community.
2. Sometimes the small things we do for others are more important than we think they are.
3. Even though it can be dangerous, it is very rewarding to be a volunteer firefighter.

 **B**  The photos below relate to the ideas in the TED Talk. Watch the talk again, and write the letter of the caption under the correct photo.

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| a. Mark Bezos is proud of his work as a volunteer firefighter. | c. Volunteers can also help clean up parks. |
| b. We can all make a difference in someone's life. | d. Bezos felt a bit jealous of his colleague who rescued a dog. |



1. ____



2. ____



3. ____



4. ____