

Facts About Wildfires: Comprehension Questions

1. What is a wildfire?

- a. A controlled fire in a forest
- b. An uncontrolled fire in natural areas
- c. A fire caused only by human activities
- d. A fire that occurs in urban areas

2. What are some natural causes of wildfires?

- a. Campfires and fireworks
- b. Lightning and volcanic eruptions
- c. Discarded cigarettes
- d. All of the above

3. How fast can wildfires spread?

- a. Up to 5 miles per hour
- b. Up to 10 miles per hour
- c. Up to 14 miles per hour
- d. Up to 20 miles per hour

4. What is one impact of wildfires on the environment?

- a. They create new habitats
- b. They destroy natural habitats
- c. They have no impact on the environment
- d. They increase wildlife populations

5. What is one method used in wildfire management?

- a. Ignoring the fires
- b. Controlled burns
- c. Watering the forests
- d. Planting more trees

6. Can wildfires be completely prevented?

- a. Yes, by using controlled burns
- b. No, but steps can be taken to reduce risks
- c. Yes, by banning all fire activities
- d. No, they are a natural occurrence

7. How can smoke from wildfires affect human health?

- a. It has no effect
- b. It can cause respiratory problems
- c. It can improve lung function
- d. It only affects animals

8. What role do drones play in wildfire management?

- a. They can start wildfires
- b. They provide real-time information about fires
- c. They are used for firefighting
- d. They have no role at all

9. What can happen to soil quality after a wildfire?

- a. It always improves
- b. It remains unchanged
- c. It can become worse depending on the fire's severity
- d. It becomes more fertile

10. How much did the U.S. Forest Service spend on fighting wildfires in 2020?

- a. 1.5 billion dollars
- b. 2.9 billion dollars
- c. 5 billion dollars
- d. 10 billion dollars