Reading Test

How I SAVED My Neighbour's Life

It started as a day like any other. As usual, I arrived at work at half past eight and picked up the boxes I needed to deliver.
At about half past twelve, I had made my last delivery of the morning, and I was quite close to my house, so I decided to go home for lunch and then go back to work.
As I turned into my street, I heard an alarm. I stopped and as soon as I got out of my van, I realised that my neighbour's house was on fire. I managed to kick the door down and get in. When I got in, I heard someone coughing in the kitchen. I ran inside and found Mr Clough on the floor. He was having trouble breathing. I took him outside and then went back in and put out the fire.
Fortunately, it was only a small chip pan fire. I know it was dangerous, especially going back in to put out the fire, but I knew what to do so I did it. I remembered seeing a fire safety programme where they put a pan fire out with a wet towel, so that's what I did. I couldn't wait for the fire brigade to arrive. Mr Clough needed my help right away.
Since then I've appeared on TV a few times, but I don't think I'm a hero. Anyone else would have done the same, wouldn't they?

I.Read the story and decide if the sentences are True (T), False (F), or Doesn't Say (DS).

1.The driver always starts work at half past eight. T | F | DS

2.The driver went home to have lunch with his family. T | F | DS

3.The driver saw smoke before he heard the alarm. T | F | DS

4.Mr Clough was on the kitchen floor when the driver found him. T | F | DS

5.Mr Clough is an old man. T | F | DS

6.The driver used water to put out the fire. T | F | DS

7.The driver called the fire brigade before going inside. T | F | DS

8.The driver became famous and appeared on TV. T | F | DS

II.Choose the correct answer (A, B, C, or D) for each sentence.

1. What is the speaker's job?
A) A firefighter
B) A delivery driver
C) A TV presenter
D) A doctor

2. Why did the speaker go home at half past twelve?
A) Because his workday was finished.
B) To see his neighbour, Mr Clough.
C) To have lunch because he was near his house.
D) Because he heard an alarm.

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3. Where did the speaker find Mr Clough?
A) In the van
B) Outside the house
C) On the kitchen floor
D) In the living room

4. What was the problem with Mr Clough?
A) He could not open the front door.
B) He was watching a dangerous TV programme.
C) He was coughing and having trouble breathing.
D) He was crying for help.

5. How did the speaker put out the fire?
A) With a wet towel
B) With a fire extinguisher
C) He waited for the fire brigade to do it.
D) With a bucket of water

6. How does the speaker feel about being called a hero?
A) He thinks he is very special.
B) He doesn't think he is a hero.
C) He is angry about it.
D) He enjoys being famous on TV.

III. Read the story below. Put the pictures A-E in the correct order 1-5.

IV. Fill in the blanks (1–8) using the correct words from the vocabulary box.

evacuate | bruises | flood | sprained | injured | survivors | rescue team | earthquake

An Unexpected Day

Last year, a small town in the mountains experienced a terrifying **(1)** _____. The ground started shaking violently at 10:00 AM. Houses shook, books fell off shelves, and roads cracked open.

Marcus was at home when it happened. He quickly hid under a heavy wooden table. Unfortunately, a large picture frame fell and hit his arm. When the shaking stopped, his arm was covered in black and blue **(2)** _____.

As he ran outside, he tripped over some broken concrete and hurt his ankle. He couldn't walk properly because he had **(3)** _____ it.

The situation got worse. A nearby dam broke, and a massive **(4)** _____ started. Water rushed into the streets, rising higher every minute. The local police told everyone they had to **(5)** _____ their homes immediately and move to higher ground.

Because Marcus was **(6)** _____ and couldn't walk fast, he climbed onto the roof of his house. He waited for three hours until a **(7)** _____ arrived in a small boat. They helped him get in safely. Marcus was taken to a local shelter, where doctors checked on all the **(8)** _____ of the disaster. He was tired and sore, but happy to be safe.

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