

SKILLS TEST 11

Standard

READING

1 Read the article quickly. Put the events in the order they happened.

A young hero!

Emma, a three-year-old girl, has made the news after saving the life of her mother, by calling 999 and asking for an ambulance.

It was just a normal day at home for Catherine, and her three-year-old daughter. They were the only two people at their home in Somerset, England. Catherine was heavily pregnant at the time, looking forward to giving birth to Emma's new baby brother in just a few months' time.

Unfortunately, something bad happened. Catherine fell down some stairs, and hit her head badly. She couldn't recover from her fall or get up again. Catherine couldn't open her eyes, or talk. It was an impossible situation. If no-one did anything, Catherine's

and her baby's lives would be in danger.

A short time later, Sarah Morris, who was working at the South Western Ambulance Service received a phone call. At the other end of the phone was one of the youngest callers she had ever had. It was three-year-old Emma. Surprisingly, Emma was very calm and answered all of Sarah's questions. She didn't seem to be terrified, as you would expect many children or even adults to be in a similar situation. Emma explained that her mummy kept going to sleep, and that there was a baby in her tummy.

In order to help, Sarah Morris wanted to know the name and address of the person who had been injured. Emma was able to provide all the information that was needed. Soon, an ambulance was

on its way. Emma even managed to unlock the door by the time the ambulance arrived. Emma and her mother were then taken to hospital, and were looked after by doctors. Now, both Catherine and her new baby are fine.

Catherine remembers very little about what happened that day, but she is very proud of her daughter. No-one had taught Emma how to dial 999 and ask for an ambulance. However, it seems that Emma had remembered her other brother, aged five years old, talking about how to call for ambulances and the fire department after learning about it at school.

One moral to take away from this story is that it is never too early to teach your children what to do in an emergency, or how they can ask others for help.

- a ☐ Emma told Sarah where she lived.
- b ☐ Emma and Catherine went to hospital.
- c ☐ Catherine had an accident.
- d ☐ Emma opened the door.
- e ☐ Emma dialled 999.
- f ☐ Catherine had a baby.
- g ☐ The ambulance arrived.
- h ☐ Emma's family talked about the emergency services.

2 Read the article again. Complete the notes with one word.

- 1 Emma's mother, Catherine, was _____ when she had her accident.
- 2 Catherine hit her head at the bottom of some _____.
- 3 Emma managed to dial 999 and ask for an _____.
- 4 Sarah Morris was able to send help to Emma's _____.
- 5 The _____ was not locked by the time help arrived.
- 6 Catherine feels _____ that her daughter called for help.
- 7 Emma had learned about calling 999 by overhearing her _____.

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LISTENING

3  Listen to the story. Put the events in the order they happened. There are three extra events.

- ☐ The lion was trapped.
- ☐ The lion was pleased with the mouse.
- ☒ 1 A mouse saw a large lion in the forest.
- ☐ The lion woke up.
- ☐ The mouse ran away.
- ☐ The mouse bit through some ropes.
- ☐ The lion grabbed the mouse.
- ☐ The mouse pretended not to be scared.

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4  Listen again and decide if these sentences are T (true) or F (false).

- 0 A fable is only meant to entertain.
- 1 The mouse wasn't afraid of the lion at first.
- 2 She wanted to wake the lion up.
- 3 She told the lion that she was scared.
- 4 The lion believed what the mouse said.
- 5 The mouse heard the lion again in the forest.
- 6 The lion was sleeping when the mouse saw him again.
- 7 The mouse was unable to help the lion.
- 8 The lion changed his mind about the mouse.

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WRITING

5 Write a short story (150–180 words) about a time that you or someone you know needed help. You can invent the story. Use the questions below to help you.

- What was the situation? Was anyone in danger?
- Did you ask anyone for help? Who?
- What help did you need?
- What happened in the end?

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SPEAKING

6 Look at the following activities. In pairs, talk about how dangerous you think some of them are and explain why. Talk for about two minutes.

- Rock climbing
- Mountain biking
- Swimming in the sea
- Skiing
- Scuba diving
- BASE jumping
- Surfing

It's an activity that could hurt you ...

It's a situation of potential harm ...

You could be harmed ...

It's very dangerous because ...

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TOTAL SCORE 70