

## Video A Life Lesson From a Volunteer Firefighter TED TALKS

**A** Watch the video. Then match the expressions with the definitions.

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| _____ 1. footrace  | a. very valuable things like jewels and gold              |
| _____ 2. barefoot  | b. a running competition                                  |
| _____ 3. stunned   | c. the amount of goods or people that a vehicle can carry |
| _____ 4. jealousy  | d. with no shoes or socks on                              |
| _____ 5. payload   | e. shocked and temporarily unable to react                |
| _____ 6. treasures | f. a feeling of anger because somebody has what you want  |

**B** Watch the first part of the talk. Then complete the summary with the words in the box.

be      charity      part      skilled      talking      was

Mark Bezos works for a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ called Robin Hood in New York. He is also the assistant captain of a volunteer fire company. Because the professional firefighters are highly (2) \_\_\_\_\_, volunteers need to arrive to a fire scene very early if they want to take (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in the action.

The first time Bezos went to help fight a fire, he was the second volunteer to arrive, so he was hoping to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ given something important to do. He ran to see his captain to ask what he could do, and he found him (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to the owner of a burning house. The first volunteer on the scene (6) \_\_\_\_\_ asked by the captain to go inside the house and save the homeowner's dog.

**C** Self-irony is a way of making fun of yourself by showing the difference between who you would like to be and who you really are. Watch the talk again and complete the sentences about how Mark Bezos does it. Use one word in each space.

1. Mark describes his feeling as stronger than a normal person's in that situation when he says he was \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.
2. He is greatly disappointed because the first firefighter is asked to save a dog while he only has to save a pair of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. First, he describes the pair of \_\_\_\_\_ he carries as a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Then, he describes the dog and the pair of \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ and he notices that he receives less attention than the first firefighter's, which is another blow to his "hero image."