READING

An online article

1 ☆ **Read the article and write the headings in the correct places (1–4).**

Burns Do not eat or drink! Falls Things up noses

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1 _____

You probably think that the most dangerous room in the house is the kitchen, but in fact most accidents happen in the living room! Small children can get serious burns from hot drinks or open fires. Candles are also the cause of many accidents in the living room – a candle near a curtain can start a horrible house fire!

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Many people go to hospital after getting poisoned, especially young children. Do you sometimes paint your bedroom? When you finish painting a wall, put the paints in a safe place so that young children don't try to drink them. Medicines, too, should be in a top bathroom cupboard – they shouldn't be easy for kids to get.

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This is a surprising, but common, accident. Young children often put the strangest things up their noses: frozen peas, crayons, chips … . They think it's funny, but it can be serious. These things get stuck and it sometimes needs a hospital visit to get them out.

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Falling is the most common accident in the home. Be careful: climbing up a ladder to get something down from a high shelf can be very risky. This happens most often to people over 65 and kids under 15. And remember: young children mustn't play near open windows – 4,000 children fall out of them every year in the UK, so watch out.

2 ☆☆ **Read the article again and check the meaning of these words in a dictionary. Then complete the sentences.**

candles ladder ~~medicine~~
poison risky stuck

1 Judy was ill last year and she's still taking a lot of *medicine* .
2 My little brother had seven _____ on his birthday cake.
3 Drinking dirty or polluted water can _____ you.
4 It's very _____ to light a candle and leave it near a small child.
5 We needed a _____ to get the boxes down from the top shelf.
6 My hand got _____ under the sofa and I couldn't get it out.

3 ☆☆ **Read the article again. Answer the questions.**

1 Which room is the most dangerous, according to the article?
the living room
2 How can house fires start in the living room?
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3 What's the best place to keep medicines?
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4 Why do little children put things up their noses?
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5 Which age groups have the most accidents with falls?
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6 How can an open window be dangerous?
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4 ☆☆☆ **Answer the questions with your own ideas.**

1 Which fact in the article surprised you the most? Why?
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2 Do you light fires or candles at home? When?
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