



1. Read the text and choose the correct answer.

# Hot jobs

When it comes to tough jobs,  
nothing beats being a **smokejumper**!

**Smokejumpers** are elite firefighters who risk their lives fighting forest fires in remote areas. They bravely parachute out of aeroplanes into burning forests, where they quickly get to work putting the fire out. A smokejumper's duties are not easy. They have to do long, tough training before they can become part of a team. Smokejumpers need to be very good parachutists, and know how to read maps to get out of a forest safely. "To be a smokejumper you need to be very fit, and able to work for long hours in difficult conditions," says Zach Meyers, a smokejumper at West Yellowstone. "We train all the time and we're always trying to improve." When they parachute into a fire zone they wear a padded jump jacket and trousers, boots, gloves, a face mask and a helmet. They also carry a backpack with some food and water, and a fire shelter. The aeroplane drops the tools and equipment they need to fight the fire. "People think that smokejumpers have a very dangerous job, but we don't see it like that," says Zach with a smile. "This job keeps me happy. I love the feeling I get when I jump out of the aeroplane and fly through the air. I wouldn't want any other job in the world."

1. Smokejumpers travel to the fire zone \_\_\_\_\_.  
1. by road    2. by air    3. by boat    4. through forests
2. Before becoming a smokejumper, they must \_\_\_\_\_.  
1. work as a team  
2. drink much water  
3. train  
4. parachute
3. Smokejumpers are always trying to become \_\_\_\_\_.  
1. rough    2. tough    3. fit    4. better
4. When smokejumpers parachute into a forest, they don't carry \_\_\_\_\_.  
1. tools    2. water    3. food    4. a backpack
5. Zach's favourite part of the job is \_\_\_\_\_.  
1. fighting the fire  
2. eating food cooked on fire  
3. flying the airplane  
4. parachuting

2. Use words from the box to complete the sentences.

**tough job   beat   elite   training   risk   remote areas   bravely**  
**parachute   put out   duty   fit   fire zone   padded**  
**face mask   helmet   backpack   drop**

1. They tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the fire with buckets of water until the firefighters arrived.
2. Smokejumpers parachute from airplanes into \_\_\_\_\_ that can't be reached easily.
3. To be a firefighter you need to be \_\_\_\_\_ and strong.
4. Firefighters go through difficult \_\_\_\_\_ before they are ready to join the Fire Service.