

A life lesson from a volunteer firefighter.

TED video.

Read the sentences (1–7). The words in bold are used in the TED Talk. First guess the meaning of the words. Then match the words with their definitions (a–g).

- 1 Firefighting is his **vocation**. He wanted to be a firefighter from the age of twelve.
- 2 He was **jealous** of his colleague's new office.
- 3 She's the **homeowner** – it's her house and she's lived there for twenty years.
- 4 Poor people can get meals from a local **soup kitchen**.
- 5 In my job as a firefighter, I am **witness** to a lot of accidents.
- 6 When the firefighters arrived, the kitchen was **in flames**.
- 7 My mother is a retired doctor, but she still works as a **volunteer** in an old people's hospital.

a someone who does a job for no pay

b on fire

c a person who owns a house or flat

d a job or career that you feel fits your aims in life

e feel negatively about someone who has something you want

f someone who sees an event

g a place where free food is served to people in need

Part 1. Watch the first part (0.00–1.06) of the talk again. Choose the correct option to make true sentences.

1 Mark Bezos is a _____ firefighter in his town.

- a) professional
- b) volunteer

2 At his first fire he was _____ volunteer to arrive.

- a) the first
- b) the second

3 When Mark Bezos found the captain, he was speaking to another _____.

- a) volunteer
- b) the homeowner

4 It was the middle of the _____ and it was raining.

- a) day
- b) night

Part 2. Read the sentences. Then watch the second part (1.06–2.46) of the talk again. Complete the sentences with one word per space.

1 The captain asked the other volunteer to rescue a _____ from inside the house.

2 Mark Bezos felt _____ that the other volunteer could tell people he saved a living animal.

3 The captain asked Mark Bezos to go into the house and _____ back some shoes.

4 He carried the shoes back downstairs and gave them to the _____.

5 A few weeks later, the homeowner sent a letter thanking the fire department, in particular for saving her _____.