

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.
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- 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

- 4**  **1.1** 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 _____.

1:06 *The other volunteer who had arrived just before me – let's call him Lex Luthor – (Laughter) got to the captain first and was asked to go inside and save the homeowner's dog. The dog! I was stunned with jealousy. Here was some lawyer or money manager who, for the rest of his life, gets to tell people that he went into a burning building to save a living creature, just because he beat me by five seconds. Well, I was next. The captain waved me over. He said, 'Bezos, I need you to go into the house. I need you to go upstairs, past the fire, and I need you to get this woman a pair of shoes.'* (Laughter) *I swear. So, not exactly what I was hoping for, but off I went – up the stairs, down the hall, past the 'real' firefighters, who were pretty much done putting out the fire at this point, into the master bedroom to get a pair of shoes.*

2:06 *Now I know what you're thinking, but I'm no hero. (Laughter) I carried my payload back downstairs where I met my nemesis and the precious dog by the front door. We took our treasures outside to the homeowner, where, not surprisingly, his received much more attention than did mine. A few weeks later, the department received a letter from the homeowner thanking us for the valiant effort displayed in saving her home. The act of kindness she noted above all others: someone had even gotten her a pair of shoes.*

2:46 *(Laughter)*