

Fire!

When the fire alarm started to buzz, the class knew what to do. Brittany got in line and whispered to her friend Kelsey, "I wonder why we're having another fire drill. We already had one this week."

All the classes lined up on the playground. Then everyone turned and looked at the school. They were waiting for the "All Clear" bell to ring so they could go back inside.

But instead of the bell, they heard sirens! A huge fire truck raced up to the school! And then another one came! And right behind them were the police!

Everyone started whispering. And then Brittany heard, "Fire! It's a real fire!"

A real fire! Brittany felt very excited and very scared at the same time. Would their class burn down? What about Jason, their pet hamster?

Just then, the "All Clear" bell rang. The children looked at each other in surprise. Then they started back into the school.

"What happened?" they asked their teacher as soon as they were back inside.

"Oh," said their teacher. "One of the teachers was making toast, and it burned a little. The smoke set off the fire alarm."

Brittany whispered to Kelsey, "I'm glad it wasn't real. But it was exciting!"

1. Why did the fire alarm go off?
 - a. It was time for a fire drill.
 - b. The school was on fire.
 - c. Some smoke from toast set it off.
 - d. One of the students pulled the alarm.
2. Which of these events happened first?
 - a. The students lined up on the playground.
 - b. The fire alarm went off.
 - c. The fire trucks came to the school.
 - d. Brittany worried about Jason.
3. Why did the students think there was a real fire?
 - a. They could smell the smoke.
 - b. The fire alarm started to buzz.
 - c. They had already had a fire drill that week.
 - d. Firefighters and police came to the school.
4. When the "All Clear" bell rang, the students knew
 - a. they should line up on the playground.
 - b. there was no fire.
 - c. there was no talking.
 - d. school was out.