Fire Watch by Rosalie Koskenmaki

Gold Ic Power B Every summer Peggy works in the mountains. She is always on the job. Peggy is a lookout. She works in a tall tower. From there she can see far. She watches for fires on the mountains. She uses glasses to see better.

Trees grow on these mountains. They are used for many things. Trees give wood. Some are made into paper. Some become houses. Fire hurts the trees. Peggy helps take care of them.

Sometimes Peggy sees fire through her glasses. Then she acts fast. She calls the firefighters. She tells them where the fire is. The firefighters go to the place at once. They put out the fire. The trees are safe. Peggy has done her job well. She is a good lookout.



Comprehension

- A Read each question. Write a or b.
 - 1 What does this story show?
 - a That glasses can help people watch for fires
 - **b** That watching for fires helps save trees
 - 2 Why does Peggy use glasses?a Because they help her see betterb Because you cannot see fire without glasses
 - **3** Why does Peggy watch from a tower?
 - a Because she can see more from a tall tower
 - **b** Because the fire cannot get to the top of the tower
 - 4 What must someone do to be a good lookout?a He or she must work in a tower and use glasses.b He or she must watch carefully and act fast.

1 m, d, g

3 l, n, g + ake

2 h, r, p

4 z, v, t

5 sh, pl, sr

- **5** Why is it good to take care of trees?
 - a Because people use trees for many things
 - **b** Because trees take up a lot of room in the mountains

Learn about Words

B b + ake = bake

Look at each row of letters. Add one letter or group of letters from each row to *ake* to make a word. Write the word.

LEARN ABOUT WORDS (continued)

- **C** Read the words you wrote. Which one best fits in each sentence? Write the word.
 - 6 Peggy can swim in a _____ near the tower.
 - 7 Peggy will _____ her glasses with her.
 - 8 A strong wind makes the trees _____.
 - **9** A firefighter uses a ______ to clean up after a fire.
 - **10** Peggy will _____ a sign to warn people of the dangers of fire.

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- **D** Word pictures help you see things more clearly. They tell you more about a story. Choose the sentence that gives a better picture. Write *a* or *b*.
 - **1** a Peggy can see for ten miles from the tower.**b** Peggy can see a long way from the tower.
 - 2 a Trees are used to make houses and paper.b Trees are used to make many things.
 - **3 a** Fire can hurt a tree.**b** Fire burns a tree's leaves and bark.
 - 4 a Peggy tells the firefighters.b Peggy telephones the firefighters.
 - **5** a The firefighters race to the fire.**b** The firefighters go to the fire.