



## Firefighters

**Topic:** People who help us

**Curriculum link:** SOSE

**Text type:** Explanation

**Reading level:** 24

**Word count:** 566

**Vocabulary:** back burning, bushfires, communication, firefighters, engine company, explosions, fire engine, fire hydrants, fire resistant, flashing lights, helicopters, hoses, ladder company, ladders, ladder truck, masks, radio, reflective strips, sirens, smoke ejector, vehicles

**Possible literacy focus**

Reading and understanding the features of a glossary.

Interpreting the text to understand how firefighters fight fires.

**Summary**

This book explains how firefighters fight fires.

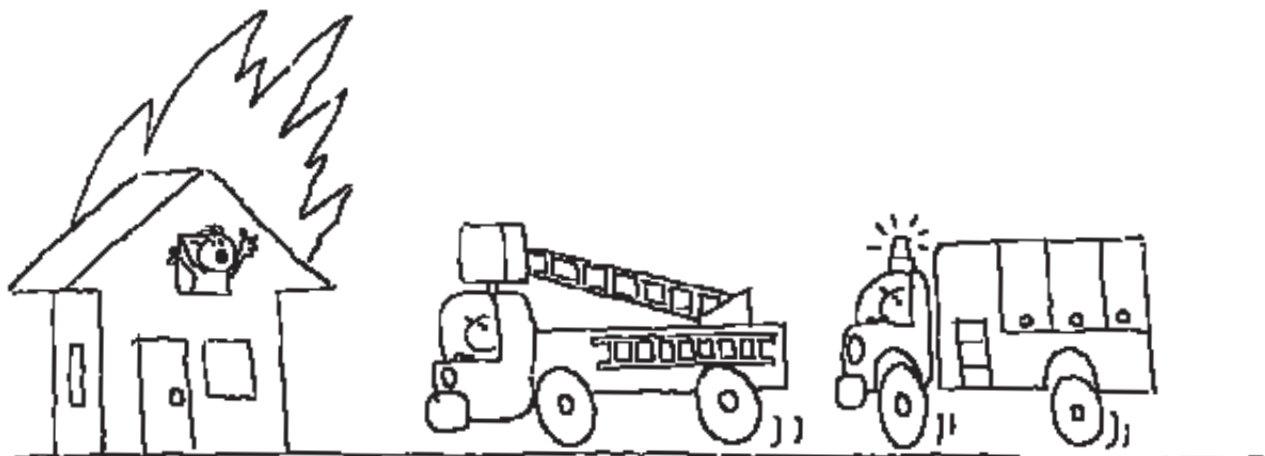
### Task Card

## Fighting fires

You will need:

paper, pencils

1. What does the ladder company do at a fire? What does the engine company do?
2. Write about how these groups work together to help put out a fire.
3. Share your description with the class.





Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Label the ladder truck

Cut out these labels and paste them onto the picture of the ladder truck.

flashing light

ladder

siren

wheels

built-in hose

doors





Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Comparing ladder trucks and fire engines

Re-read the sections from *Firefighters* on ladder trucks and fire engines. Now fill in the diagram. In the middle, list the things that are the same about both of them. Then write about the special features of ladder trucks and the special features of fire engines in the appropriate circles.

**Ladder trucks**

**Fire engines**

