

Firehouse Field Trip

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Justin was getting excited because his class was taking a field trip to the firehouse. Justin loved to look at the fire trucks and even ring the bell. His Uncle Frank was one of the fireman and arranged for his class to visit. Uncle Frank would be in charge of the tour for the class.

The next day, Justin's class left for the firehouse and waited for Uncle Frank to come and start their tour. They began by looking at the huge fire trucks. Uncle Frank told the class how they hook up the hoses to get water and



also showed the class where they keep their gear. "Being a fireman is a tough job," said Uncle Frank. "You need to be in good shape and get plenty of rest." The kids got to try on some fire hats and climbed on the truck looking at the dials and gages. "Do you have a dog here with all those spots?" asked Jeannie. "You mean a Dalmatian?" "We sure do," said Uncle Frank. "One of the men named him Flame." Flame was asleep inside the firehouse near the lockers. After looking at all the trucks, the class headed inside, and Uncle Frank showed them where they stay when they are not fighting a fire. It looked almost like a house with a kitchen and an area where the men slept. Uncle Frank showed them the alarm that rings when there is a fire. Just as he finished showing them the alarm, it rang! All the men ran to get ready to leave for the fire. "I am sorry," said Uncle Frank to the class. "We need to leave now, but Mr. Martin will finish the tour." "Wow," said Tommy. "We got to see how the firemen leave when there is a real fire." The class watched as the men hurried out to the fire trucks and left the station with the sirens on. Mr. Martin finished the tour inside the station, and Flame finally woke up after hearing the alarms go off. "Ruff, ruff," barked Flame.

That night Justin told his mom and dad about the great trip to the firehouse. "Uncle Frank showed us a lot of important things about preventing fires and what to do if our house ever had a fire," said Justin. "It sounds like you learned a lot of good information," said dad. "We sure did," Justin said. "I think I'm going to be a fireman when I grow up." "Uncle Frank said it is a hard job, but it is a job I would like to try." "He said you need to be in good shape and get plenty of rest," said Justin. Mom said, "Then I guess you need to eat your broccoli and get to bed early tonight." Justin smiled and so did dad. "I like broccoli," said Justin. That night Justin did go to bed early and dreamed of being a fireman!

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4. Who finished the tour?
 - A. Mr. Martin
 - B. Mr. Johnson
 - C. Miss Roberts
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