Unit 4: Jobs and Occupations

Lesson 2: Reading

A. Skim read this text. Does the firefighter like her job?

1
My grandfather and my uncle were both firefighters so it's a job I knew quite a lot about. When I was a little girl, I always wanted to be one but when I grew up, I stopped thinking about it and looked for other jobs.

2
For a while I worked in a circus! That was fun. And then I was a sports teacher for a few years.

3
One day, I took some of the school children on a trip to the fire station. I was amazed at how excited I got and I knew I had to try and do this job. A year later I was a firefighter.

4
Well, he's a firefighter as well so he can't really complain. We work at different fire stations so we don't often see each other at work – only when there's a really big fire.

5
Lots of things. I love working at different times of the day. When I was a teacher, I always worked from 9 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. As a firefighter, I work at very different times. It makes the job interesting. I also like the friends I have at the fire station.

6
No, I'm the only one, but I don't mind. The men are funny and we laugh a lot. I think more women should become firefighters. Women are as brave as men.

7
The best thing is knowing that you are doing an important job and saving lives. That makes you feel really good.

B. Match the questions with the numbers in the text. There is an extra one.

a.	What does your husband think about the job?	
b.	So how did you get interested in firefighting?	
c.	Do you get paid a lot of money?	
d.	And finally, what's the best thing about the job?	
e.	What do you like about the job?	
f.	Did you do any other jobs before you became a firefighter?	
g.	Are there many women at your fire station?	
h.	Did you always want to be a firefighter?	

C. Underline the best answer.

a. Before she became a firefighter, she **taught sports / worked as an English teacher** for some years.

b. To do a job like hers, you need to know **how to start a fire / a lot about fire**.

c. There are **many / no** other women at her fire station.

D. Answer the following questions.

a. What qualities do you need to have to be a firefighter? Mention two.

i. _____

ii. _____

b. Mention two things that Sarah loves about her job.

i. _____

ii. _____

c. Where would you read this interview? Tick one.

In a children's magazine. ☐

In a storybook. ☐

In a travel magazine. ☐

d. What is the purpose of this text? Tick one.

To persuade the readers to become firefighters. ☐

To tell a story about a firefighter. ☐

To inform the reader about the job of the firefighter. ☐