

Fire Fighters Project

Approach: Stations

Level: Year 4 and year 8

Resources: None

Questions/instructions		% responses	
		year 4	year 8
<p>Pretend that your class is doing a project about what fire fighters do and how being a fire fighter affects their lives. The class will have a chance to ask fire fighters 3 questions that would get good information about the work and lives of fire fighters.</p> <p>Put ticks beside the best three questions in this list.</p>			
	✓ 3 questions		
1. What do you do when there's no fire to go to?	✓	23	23
2. What should I do if my clothes catch fire?		60	56
3. How do you keep from getting burned when you're fighting a fire?	✓	52	55
4. How do I check to see if our smoke alarm is working?		49	45
5. Do you like to slide down the fire station pole?		18	4
6. What should I do if I wake up and find my room full of smoke?		57	74
7. How does your work affect your family?	✓	28	39
Number correct			
		3	2 12
		2	24 22
		1	48 37
		0	26 29

Commentary

Students at both levels largely failed to select questions appropriate to the task set. The only correct question which was frequently chosen intended "you" to refer to a fire fighter, but was probably interpreted personally by the students. It appears that students were more interested in their own fire safety than in the lives of the fire fighters.