

Multiple-choice Questions

1. The author states in Paragraph 4, “People stared and pointed, but only one came close.” In what way did Alex differ from the other people?
 - A. Alex came forward and took action to save the family but the other people only watched.
 - B. The other people didn’t care what happened to Mabel Chidiak, but Alex did.
 - C. Only Alex was strong enough to do the job, so the people told him where to go.
 - D. The other people didn’t know Mabel Chidiak, but Alex did.
2. Probably the most difficult thing Mabel Chidiak had to do was
 - A. wake up her children.
 - B. drop her children from the window and trust a stranger to catch them.
 - C. make herself jump from the window because the metal on it was scalding.
 - D. call 911 while smoke crept through her house.
3. The author writes of Alex, “He hadn’t had a chance to be afraid before. Now he was overwhelmed.” These lines in Paragraph 15 indicate that
 - A. he has never been afraid of fire.
 - B. he had carefully thought out and planned the rescue.
 - C. he understood the risk he was about to take when he decided to help.
 - D. he acted on instinct without realizing his own danger.
4. The Deputy Fire Chief said, “What really got me is this kid went back three times—*three times*.” The chief probably says this in Paragraph 16 because
 - A. the firefighters got there late.
 - B. he is amazed at Alex’s feat because the situation was so dangerous.
 - C. he doesn’t think that Alex should have endangered himself so often.
 - D. he doesn’t think he could have done what Alex did.
5. The reason why the second child was more difficult to catch than the first was
 - A. the second one was much heavier than the first.
 - B. the second one was dropped from a higher window.
 - C. the second one was moving around, but the first one was still.
 - D. the second one jumped herself before Alex was ready.