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Prologue

This story is part of a series of children's stories with the main title "Professions". Its purpose is to introduce children to career guidance, while combining knowledge with humor and the funny side of life, making the story more interesting.

In all the stories, the main hero is Charalampos, and his friends Lefteris and Panagiotis also take part. Many times, their profession changes depending on Charalampos's profession.

Each story includes a glossary of unfamiliar words, so that young children can understand the more difficult words.

The unfamiliar words are marked with an asterisk in the text, and their explanations are given below, also with an asterisk.

Charalampos the Firefighter



Charalampos has a very important profession. He is a firefighter.

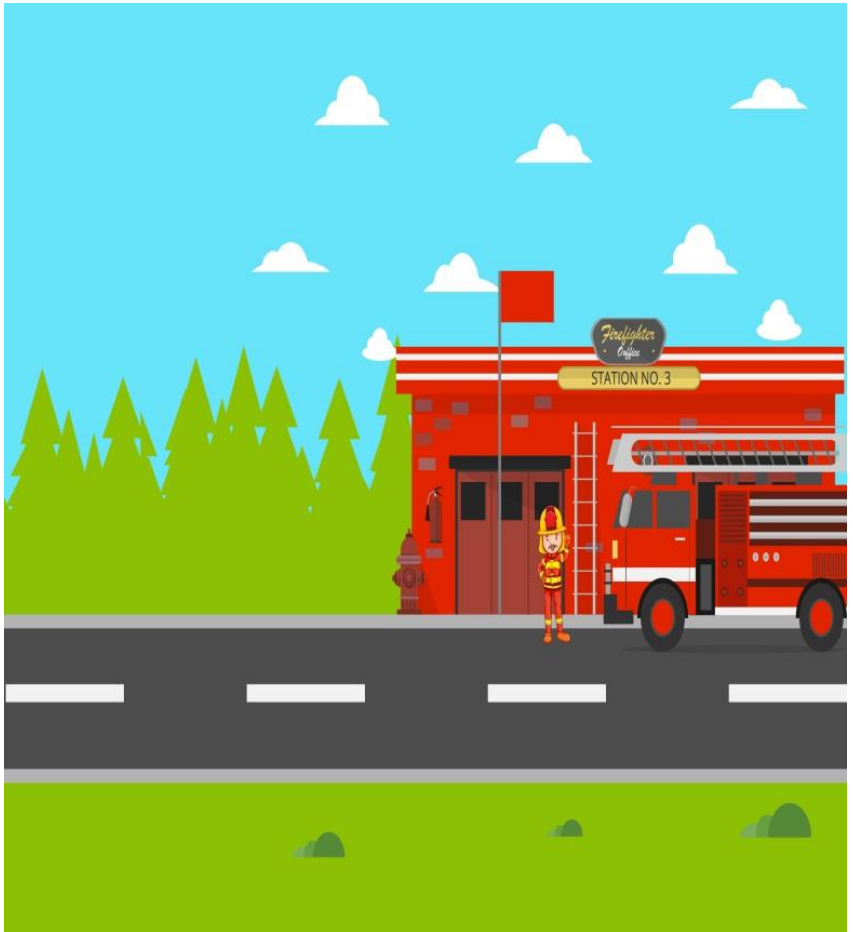
It is Sunday afternoon. Charalampos kisses his two children, Panagiotis and Sofia, and his wife Maria, and

then leaves for the fire station of his town, where he serves and is going to start his shift.

Charalampos and his colleagues in the Fire Service work in shifts. This means that they may work on Saturdays, Sundays, Christmas and Easter. The main duty of a firefighter is to put out fires in forests, buildings or ships, and to respond to earthquakes and floods.

Shift = Work that is done by changing personnel at certain time intervals, for example at 8 in the morning, 4 in the afternoon or midnight, in factories, hospitals, the army, the fire service and other places.

The Shift at the Fire Station





When there is no incident or event where they need to intervene, firefighters remain on duty inside the fire station.

To pass the time, firefighters often play backgammon, and this is why people jokingly call them backgammon players.

As soon as the station receives an alert about an incident, the firefighters immediately put on their special

protective uniforms and helmets. They get into their vehicles and head to the place where the incident is happening.

After a fifteen-minute drive, Charalampos arrived at the fire station. He parked and went inside. He greeted his colleagues with a big smile and said, “Good evening, boys. How are you?”

Incident or event = A fire, a flood, freeing someone from an elevator, or cats in trees that cannot come down.

Intervene = To step in and act in order to change a situation.

Alert = A warning or notification.

“We are fine,” said Lefteris, an old colleague and close friend. “Today is quiet! Make a coffee and come play a game of backgammon!”

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