

Answers to Fire Quiz

1. C. Fires can be good or bad. They are good when they help us, such as by cooking our food, heating our homes, or decorating our birthday cakes. They are bad when they get out of control, injure us or destroy our property.
2. D. Every year, there are about 1.75 million fires in America. 22% (about 386,000) of these fires start in people's homes.
3. A. Cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States and the leading cause of home fire injuries. Careless smoking is the leading cause of home fire deaths. Home heaters are the second leading cause of home fires and the second leading cause of fire deaths.
4. C. Although fires may start in any room, fires are MOST likely to start in the kitchen. There are more ways for fire to start in a kitchen than in any other room. Ovens, stovetops, toasters and other electrical appliances should be used carefully to prevent them from starting a fire.
5. B. Walking away from matches and telling a grownup about them is okay, but the BEST thing to do is to pick up the matches and immediately give them to a grownup. This way, no small child can come by, who is too young to understand the danger of matches, pick them up, and possibly injure himself or herself or others.
6. D. Children are often fascinated by fire, but don't forget that fire can be very dangerous. If you really want to see matches lit, talk to a grownup and ask them to light some matches for you, and ask them to explain to you exactly how they light matches safely so they are not a danger to anyone.
7. The correct answer to this question depends on how badly you are burned. If the burn is not that bad, then the correct answer is A - run cool water over the burn to make it stop hurting so much. If the burn is very bad and blisters appear, then you should D-see a Doctor. Never put butter on a burn - it only makes it worse.
8. A. Get out of the house quickly. You should shout and scream while you are leaving to let the rest of your family know that there is a fire. Fires can grow very quickly and trap you inside your home in less than a minute. Never delay exiting a burning building for any reason, and never ever try to "hide" from a fire.
9. C. Stop, Drop & Roll, which means stopping where you are, dropping on the floor and covering your face with your hands, and rolling back and forth until the fire has been put out. Running only makes the fire get bigger. Rolling on the ground is the quickest way of putting out the flames.
10. D. Each of the things listed will help make you safer from fire. Making a home escape plan that shows TWO ways to get out of each room in the house is very important, because fire can often block off the way you usually get out. Smoke detectors can warn you if you have a fire and give you time to escape. They are especially important at night, while you are asleep. And keeping matches and lighters out of the hands of children is very important, since small children are often very curious about fire, but do not understand how dangerous it can be. Keeping matches and lighters away from them can help prevent fires that could seriously injure young children.

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Fire Quiz for Kids

*A Quick Quiz To See How
Much You Know About Fire Safety*

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For each question below, circle the answer or answers you think are correct. When you're all finished, check your answers with the correct answers on the back page.

- 1. Is fire good or bad?**
 - (a) Good
 - (b) Bad
 - (c) It can be either good or bad

- 2. About how many fires start in people's homes each year in the United States of America?**
 - (a) 29,000
 - (b) 125,750
 - (c) 249,000
 - (d) 386,000

- 3. What is the leading cause of home fires?**
 - (a) Cooking
 - (b) Careless smoking
 - (c) Heater fires
 - (d) Children playing with matches

- 4. Which is the room in your home in which you are most likely to have a fire?**
 - (a) The bathroom
 - (b) A bedroom
 - (c) The kitchen
 - (d) The living room

- 5. Matches should be kept where small children can't touch them, and children should never play with matches. What SHOULD older children do who find matches in a place where small children could easily find them?**
 - (a) Walk away from the matches
 - (b) Pick up the matches and immediately give them to a grownup
 - (c) Don't touch the matches but immediately tell a grownup about them
 - (d) Put the matches in water so they can't be lit

- 6. What should you do if you think matches are interesting and would like to see them lighted?**
 - (a) You should not think about matches no matter what
 - (b) You should wait until you're old enough to light matches
 - (c) You should only pretend to lighting matches
 - (d) You should tell your parents that you would like to see some matches lit and ask them if they could light them for you in a safe place where they won't be dangerous

- 7. Millions of people get burned each year. What are you supposed to do if you accidentally burn yourself?**
 - (a) Run cool water over the burn to cool it off
 - (b) Rub some butter on the burn
 - (c) Don't do anything - just wait for the burning to stop
 - (d) Go to see a doctor

- 8. What is the most important thing you should do if you ever have a fire in your home?**
 - (a) Get out of the house and call the fire department
 - (b) See if you can put the fire out by pouring water on it
 - (c) Get in the closet, close the door and hide from the fire
 - (d) Stay in your room until your parents come to help

- 9. Many people have gotten burned because their clothing caught on fire. What should you do if your clothing ever catches on fire?**
 - (a) Run as fast as you can so the air will put out the fire
 - (b) Look around for water to throw on the fire
 - (c) Stop, Drop & Roll
 - (d) Go to your parents for help

- 10. What can you do to protect yourself from fire?**
 - (a) Make a home escape plan and practice it with your family
 - (b) Make sure your smoke detectors are working properly
 - (c) Keep matches and cigarette lighters out of the hands of children
 - (d) All of the above

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