

Kayla Calls 9-1-1

The story below is about a 30-year-old woman named Kayla. Kayla lives in a house with her son Josh. Josh is 7 years old. Kayla's neighbor Maria lives in the house next door. There is a fire in Kayla's kitchen, and she has to call 9-1-1 for help.

Words to Review

Here are some words you will see in the reading. Say the words. Discuss what they mean.

smoke alarm	meeting place	9-1-1 emergency	cell phone	operator
address	fire department	fire chief	trapped	damage

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Kayla is sleeping in her bed.
A smoke alarm goes off in Kayla's home. It wakes her up.

Her son Josh is sleeping in the bedroom next to hers.
Kayla wakes Josh up. They run outside to their meeting place.

Kayla tells Josh to stay next to her.
They can see dark smoke coming from the kitchen window.
Kayla calls 9-1-1 on her cell phone.



The operator answers the phone.
The operator says, "9-1-1, what is your emergency?"
"There is a fire in my house," says Kayla.
The operator asks, "What is the address?"
Kayla says, "100 Main Street. It is the white house across the street from the bank."
The operator asks Kayla if there is anyone trapped in the house.
"No, everyone is out safe," says Kayla.
The operator asks, "What is your name?"
Kayla tells the operator her name.
The operator says, "Stay calm, Kayla. The fire department is on the way. Do not go back into the house. Stay on the phone with me until help arrives."

Kayla's neighbor Maria comes over to see if she and Josh are okay. They wait for the fire department together.



The fire department arrives in five minutes.
The operator tells Kayla it is okay to hang up.
The fire chief asks Kayla if she knows where the fire started.

Kayla remembers that she did not turn the stove off after she cooked dinner.
Kayla says, "I think it started in the kitchen."
The firefighters go into the house with a fire hose.
They put water on the fire to put it out.

The fire stayed in the kitchen. It did not damage the rest of the home.
The fire chief tells Kayla she did a good job calling for help.

But he says that Kayla and Josh will not be able to go back into their home tonight.
The firefighters have to make sure it is safe to turn the gas and electricity back on.
The fire chief tells Kayla that she can go back into her home tomorrow.
Maria tells Kayla and Josh that they can stay at her house for the night.

Kayla Calls 9-1-1: Choose Yes or No

Instructions: Read the sentences about the story. Check YES if the sentence is correct. Check no if the sentence is incorrect.

	YES	NO
1. Kayla woke up when she heard the smoke alarm.	_____	_____
2. Kayla called for help from her bedroom.	_____	_____
3. Josh woke Kayla up because he smelled smoke.	_____	_____
4. 100 Main Street is Kayla's address.	_____	_____
5. It took the fire department 5 minutes to get to Kayla's house.	_____	_____
6. No one was trapped in the burning house.	_____	_____
7. Maria is the fire chief.	_____	_____
8. The fire started in the kitchen.	_____	_____
9. Kayla did a good job calling for help.	_____	_____
10. Kayla and Josh will have to wait until tomorrow to go back into their home.	_____	_____

Find the answers on page 7.

Kayla Calls 9-1-1: Complete the Sentences

Instructions: Pick the best word to complete each sentence.

1. A smoke _____ [alarm/phone] goes off in Kayla's home. It wakes her up.
2. She calls _____ [9-1-1/her neighbor] on her cell phone.
3. Kayla hangs up the phone _____ [before/after] the fire department arrives.
4. The fire chief asks Kayla if she knows where the _____ [fire/smoke alarm] is.
5. The firefighters use a _____ [fire hose/bucket] to put water on the fire.

Check Yes or No about Yourself

Instructions: Read the sentences. Check YES if the sentence describes you. Check no if the sentence does not describe you.

	YES	NO
1. I have smoke alarms in my home to warn me if there is a fire.	_____	_____
2. I know my address and can describe where my home is.	_____	_____
3. My neighbors will help each other if there is an emergency.	_____	_____
4. I can call 9-1-1 or my local emergency number.	_____	_____

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Kayla Calls 9-1-1: Word Search

Instructions: Find the words below in the word search puzzle!

Find the answers on page 7.



fire
alarm
firefighter
chief

water
call
operator
help

house
phone
kitchen

Kayla Calls 9-1-1: Activity Answer Key

Kayla Calls 9-1-1: Choose Yes or No.

1. yes
2. no
3. no
4. yes
5. yes
6. yes
7. no
8. yes
9. yes
10. yes

Kayla Calls 9-1-1: Complete the sentences.

1. alarm
2. 9-1-1
3. after
4. fire
5. fire hose

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