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## Day One

# Fire!

### Part 1: Silent read

➔ How can you survive a house fire? Read silently.

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Each year, fires kill an average of 4,000 Americans. After each fire, investigators try to ferret out the cause. There are several common causes. Kitchen stoves can start house fires. So can bad wiring and poorly placed space heaters. Other causes include cigarettes and burning candles.

People should keep a close eye on hot stoves. They should leave plenty of space around heaters and toasters. They should keep electrical wiring in top shape. Homeowners should also check for pests. Squirrels and raccoons can tunnel into heating vents. Then their nests can catch fire.

Fire experts offer this advice to help survive a fire. Have a family exit plan! When your house is burning, there is no time to even grab wallets or purses. You should leave right away. Crawl, if necessary, to avoid deadly smoke. You are more likely to die from inhaling smoke than from burns. Understanding fire safety can mean the difference between life and death.

Source: "Blazes in Beverly, Hyde Park cause massive damage," *Boston Globe*, July 4, 2010.



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## Part 2: First timed read

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## Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What causes house fires?

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What is one important thing to do if your house is on fire?

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### Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.