

9-1-1

Pre-reading

Questions:

- When should you dial 9-1-1?
- Have you used 9-1-1?

Definitions:

- Basic – the simple, most important parts of something

Reading

16 Ann's 2 year old son had fallen from a high ladder. He was not moving. He
32 was not crying. He was not making any sounds. His life was in danger. Ann knew
he needed medical help right away. She called 9-1-1.

43 The 9-1-1 operator asked for Ann's name, phone number, address and basic
57 directions to her home. Ann had it ready. She had a list of those details near every
74 phone in her home.

78 Ann was glad she had **prepared** the list. She was scared and upset. Her
92 thinking was not clear. And yet, she was able to give the operator all the information
108 she needed. Ann read everything right from the list.

117 Help arrived on time. Her son was taken to the hospital. Ann was glad she
132 called 9-1-1.

136 Some people dial 9-1-1 by mistake. If this happens to you, do not hang up.
153 Tell the operator you dialed 9-1-1 by mistake. If you hang up, you will be called
171 back. A police car may be sent to your home.

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Understanding

1. When should 9-1-1 be used? _____

2. What does the word **prepare** mean? _____

3. What should you have near every phone in your house? Why? _____

4. Which of these would be 9-1-1 calls? (There is more than one answer.)
_____ Your house was broken into yesterday.
_____ A friend may be having a heart attack.
_____ Your child was riding his bike and was hit by a car.
_____ You are traveling. You want to know the road conditions.
5. What are the basic directions to your home? _____

Writing

Choice A: What did you learn from this reading?

Choice B: How have you used 9-1-1?
