

Deepening Understanding

YR2 Information Text

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Bang, flash, crash! Hello there little firework experts. I'm here to tell you about the history of fireworks and how to stay safe around them. Listen up and stay safe!

The History of Fireworks

Fireworks were invented a long time ago. Many people think they were invented in China over one thousand years ago when people filled bamboo plants with gunpowder. It is thought that they then put these filled bamboo canes into a fire which led to bangs and flashes. These were the first fireworks!

Fireworks didn't come to Britain until later than China. They were possibly used at the Wedding of a famous King - King Henry the seventh in 1486. It took a long time for fireworks to become as powerful and colourful as they are now. It is thought that fireworks used to only be orange or white.



Q1

Why has the author started with 'Bang, Flash, Crash'?
Circle one.

because fireworks can not do this

because fireworks are silly

it reminds you of what fireworks can do

that is the noise you should make

1 Mark

Q2

Number the statements 1 to 4 to show the order of how
the first fireworks were created.

place the bamboo carefully in a fire

☐

pour gunpowder down the bamboo shoot

☐

people cut bamboo shoots

☐

watch the fireworks explode

☐

1 Mark



Q3

Write down *two* colours fireworks used to be.

1 Mark

What should you have if you are setting off fireworks?

Always think carefully about what you should have if you are setting off fireworks at home. You will need many things:

- Fireworks from a well-known shop.
- Gloves to protect your hands from sparklers.
- A bucket of sand or water to put out sparklers.
- A safe box with a lid to store fireworks.
- An adult to supervise and to set off the firecrackers.



These are some rules you should follow if you are setting off fireworks at home:

- Keep pets safely inside and make sure they feel safe and secure. Some pets get scared during firework displays.
- Ensure you only touch sparklers. All other fireworks should be handled by adults.
- Make sure sparklers are put out in a bucket of water or sand.
- Always wear gloves if you are holding sparklers. Some people like to push the sparkler into a carrot to give the sparkler a longer handle. This means your hand doesn't have to get as close to the sparkles. If you do this, be careful the sparkler is pushed in fully so it doesn't fall out.
- If a firework doesn't go off, leave it alone. Never go back to a firework as it might go off when you don't expect it to.
- Don't stand too close to fireworks.
- Make sure fireworks are kept in a closed box, well away from any bonfires or lit fireworks.
- Never ever throw fireworks. You never know where they might go.

Q4

Where should your pets be on firework night?

1 Mark

Q5

Explain why carrots are used on firework night.

1 Mark



Firework Displays

It is usually much safer to go to a firework display than having fireworks at home. This is because there is usually more space and often the organisers are well trained. Safety rules are stricter at firework displays than they are at home. Always listen to the people running the event and follow their instructions. As displays get busy, make sure sparklers don't get too close to other people.

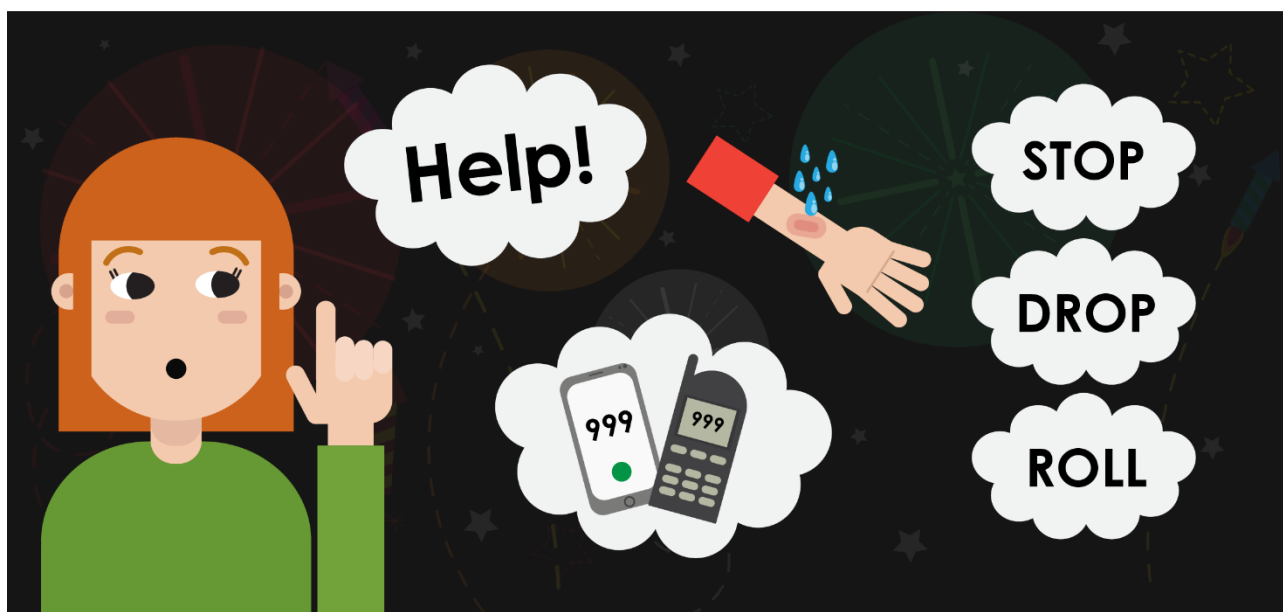
Q6

Why is it safer to attend a firework display than to have fireworks at home? Give *two* reasons.

1) _____

2) _____

2 Marks



What do I do if there is an emergency?

Most of the time there will not be an emergency during a fun firework night but it is important to know what to do if there ever was. If there is an emergency and someone has been injured...

- Shout for help if an adult isn't there.
- Ring 999 and ask for an ambulance.
- Remember to say what injuries they have and what happened.
- If the person has a burn, run it under cool water.
- Take off any clothes or jewellery that is close to the burn but don't take any off if it is stuck to the skin.
- Keep the burns clean. A piece of cling film can be used.
- Do not put anything else onto a burn unless a doctor has told you to.
- If someone's clothing has caught fire, shout at them to drop to the floor and roll. The movement can put a fire out.

So little firework experts, now that you know how to stay safe around fireworks you can have an awesome time watching them. Have fun!

Q7

Which word describes the temperature of water that should be used on a burn?

1 Mark

Q8

Tick true or false for each statement on Firework Safety using the whole text to help you.

Statement	True	False
People think fireworks were created in Japan.		
Wear gloves when holding sparklers.		
Jump in water if your clothes are on fire.		

1 Mark

