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Amy and Tom were excited. Today was an open day at the fire station. The children's Uncle Hugh was a fireman.

He liked his work. He said he would show the children round the station. He would be coming to collect them in his car.

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"Sorry I'm late. I've had such a lot to do today," he said when he came in. He asked Tom and Amy what they would like to see at the station as they would be there all day. "I'd like to ride on a fire engine," said Amy. "That would be exciting."

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"Well, you may sit in one," said

Uncle Hugh. "We cannot take you to a
fire. That's much too dangerous." And Tom?"

"I'd like to see the long ladders."

It was not a long way to the fire
station. They were soon there.

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They met Uncle Hugh's friend, Bob.

They asked him what kind of work he did.

"It's hard to know where to begin. Some people think firemen just put out fires. We have to do all kinds of jobs, some we dislike. Quite often we go to car crashes and other accidents.

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We take special tools with us. We may have to free people trapped in cars. That can be very distressing."

"That's true," said Uncle Hugh. "Our work changes from day to day. Last week I had to rescue a cat from up a tree.

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It had gone much too high to climb down.

I used a very long ladder to reach it."

As they were talking, they heard the sound of crying. A woman came in looking very upset.

**With her was a small boy. He had a
saucepan stuck on his head!**

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He was very distressed.

"We had to come. I cannot move it," said his mum. Amy and Tom tried not to laugh!

"No trouble, we'll soon have that off."

"I don't want my head off!"

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yelled the little boy. They all laughed.

Bob used his tools to take off the pan.

Uncle Hugh took Amy, Tom and the boy into a fire engine. He said they could turn on the siren. It made such a loud sound. They all jumped! They

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climbed down to the ground.

In the fire station Amy saw a pole.

"We use that when we are in a hurry.

It can save such a lot of time," said

Uncle Hugh. Amy wanted to slide

down the pole. Her Uncle said he would

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catch her at the bottom. He waited.

He couldn't see Amy. He looked up.

Bump! Amy landed on top of him!

"That was a soft landing!" she giggled.

They went out into the yard. Tom saw a
fireman. He was at the top of a very

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long ladder which was next to a tower.

"Can I go up there?" he asked.

"No," said Uncle Hugh. "It wouldn't be safe. But you can go up high in this."

Uncle Hugh showed Tom a special ladder. It was very long and strong. It had a

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kind of platform on it which could turn round.

"Get in," said Uncle Hugh, "and hold tight. We will be going up high."

Tom got in and the platform started to move. Up it went, higher and higher. The people on the ground had nearly disappeared.

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"This is exciting," squealed Tom. "I can see a long, long way."

"This is used to reach the top of tall buildings," said Uncle Hugh. "More than one fireman can stand in it. I'm sorry, but it's time to go down now."

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When they were back on the ground, Amy ran up to speak to them.

"Can I try to put a fire out?"

"You cannot do that, but you can hold a hose," said Uncle Hugh. "Come with me."

Amy found that the hose was very heavy.

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The children held it together. Uncle Hugh turned on the water. It came out fast.

"Look out!" shouted Tom. The water went all over Uncle Hugh. He gasped and laughed. There were puddles all over the ground.

"I think it's time I took you home now,

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you monsters," said Uncle Hugh. "I need some dry clothes, and I think I've had enough surprises today, thank you very much!"

As they drove home, Amy and Tom discussed what they had seen. It had been a very good day out at the fire station.

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"Guess what I would like to be when I grow up?" said Amy.

"Me too," shouted Tom.

Fun Page

Can you guess what Amy and Tom would like to be?

Write a short story about the job you would like to do when you are grown up.
