

MY VISIT TO THE FIRE STATION



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Hi, I'm Erin. Yesterday I went to visit my friend Dolly Dalmatian, she works at the fire station.



Dogs have often worked at fire stations, at first being used both to guard and calm the horses who pulled the fire carts before we had fire trucks.



When we first entered, Dolly showed me the log desk, where a firefighter is always on duty to answer phone calls and any routine business for the station.

**Dolly told me that most firefighters
work for 24 straight hours.**



**Because of this, there is a kitchen in most fire
stations so they can have their meals right there
and be ready in case of an emergency.**

**They also have a gym right in the station as well,
so they can work out during the 24 hours
they have to stay in the station.**



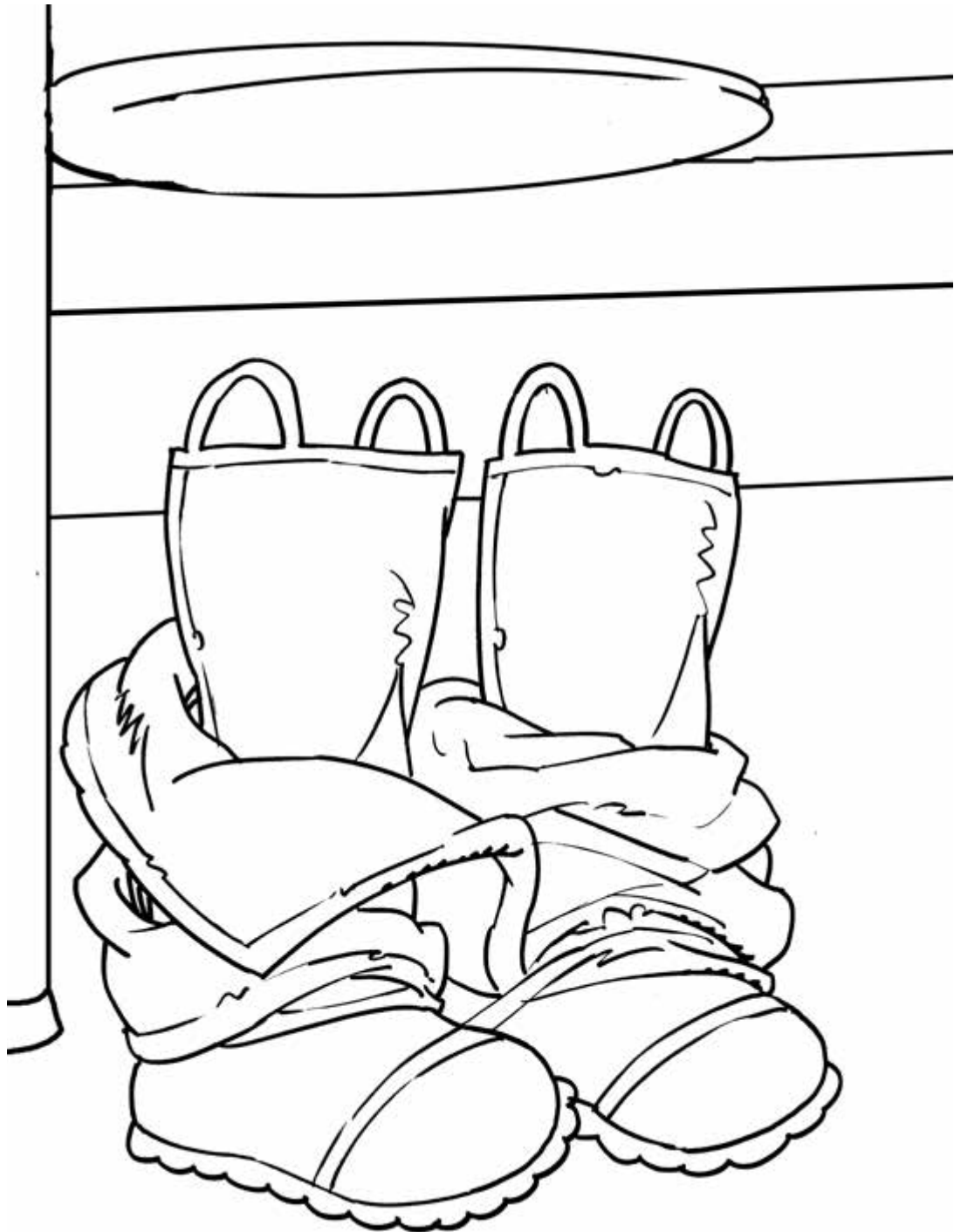
**Firefighters need to stay strong and in shape to
handle their demanding job.**

They also have a bedroom where all of the firefighters can sleep during the time they are in the station.



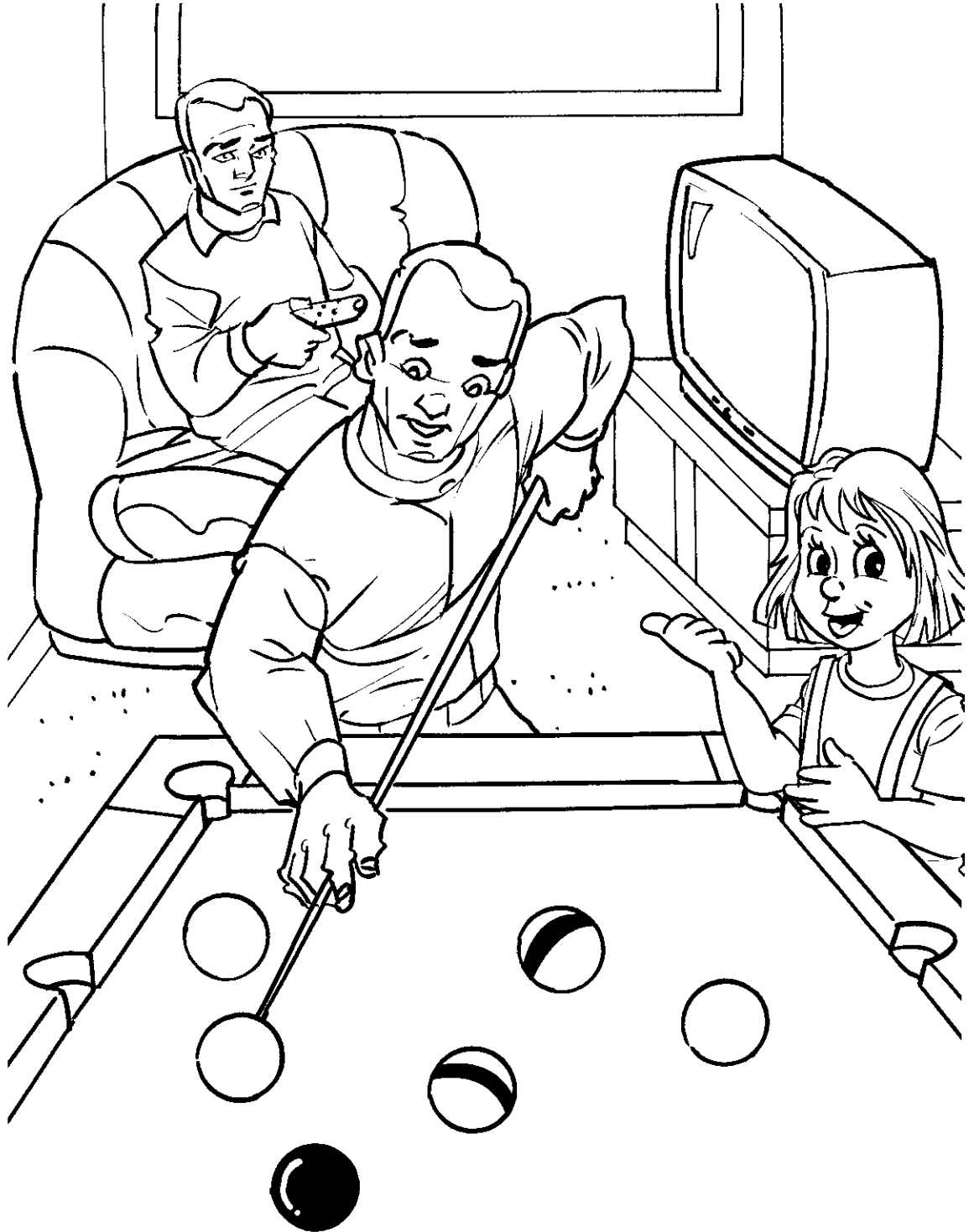
Lights will flash and an alarm will sound to wake them up if there is an emergency.

Next to their bed, firefighters keep their gear in what they call a “turnout.”



They have the uniform pants already on the boots and folded over so they can just step into their boots and pull the pants up. This saves them a lot of time. Most firefighters can be in full gear in under one minute!

They also have a room where they can relax, play games, and watch TV between calls.



Although their shift is 24 hours, they have a chance to relax during some of that time, but they always have to be ready to go at a moment's notice.

Next, Dolly showed me that, in the back of the garage, they have a gear station where all of their uniforms and turnouts are kept when they are not in the bedroom.



This way they can get dressed and get to the fire quickly.

They also have a washroom where they are able to wash their uniforms and gear when they get back from a fire.



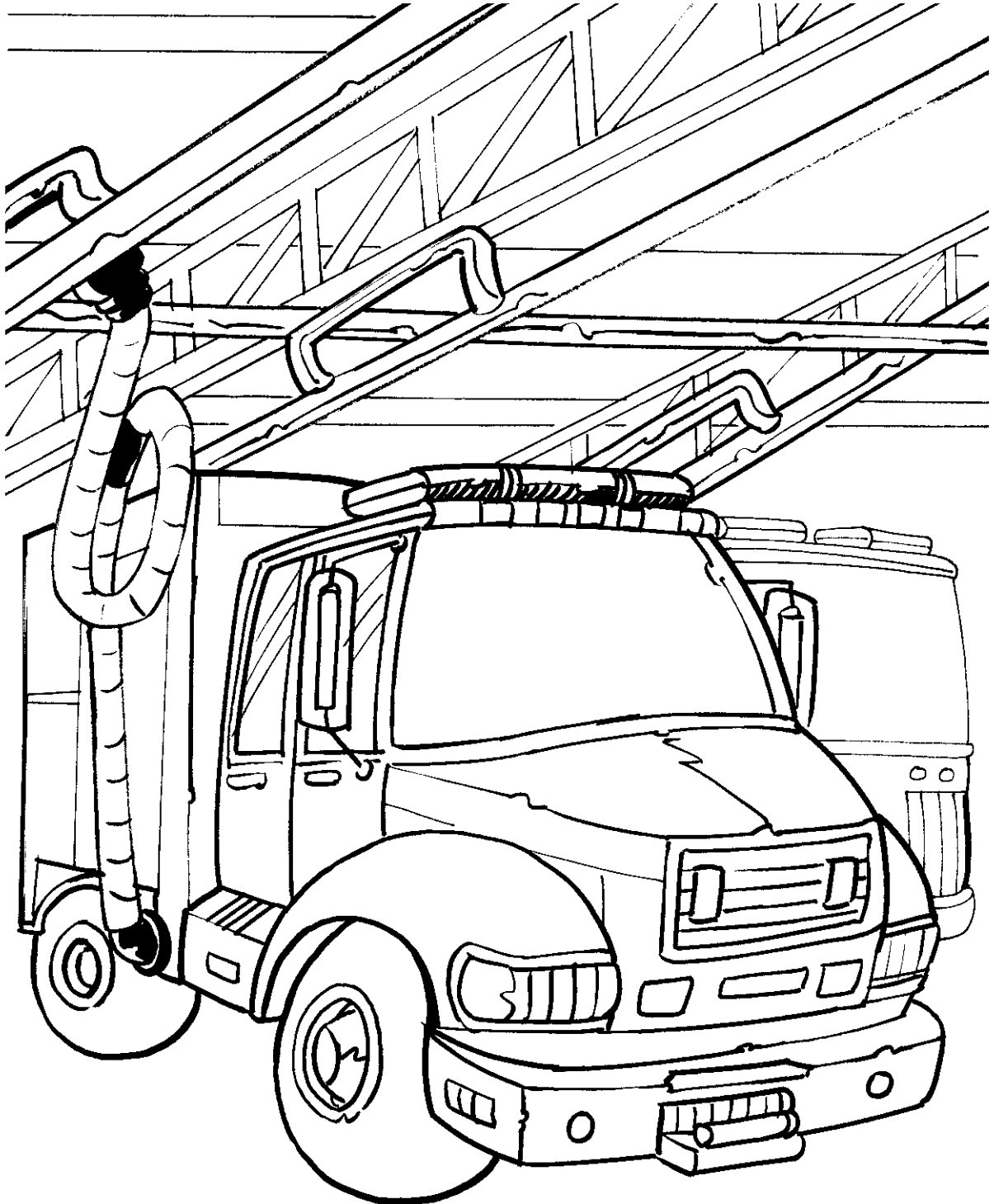
This is very important especially if there were chemicals or other contaminants at the fire.

Some stations even have a workroom where they can repair machinery and tools that get damaged during fires.



This allows the firefighters to keep their equipment in the best possible shape so they are better able to help people.

When we went into the garage, I noticed that all of the trucks had a hose attached to the back of the truck.



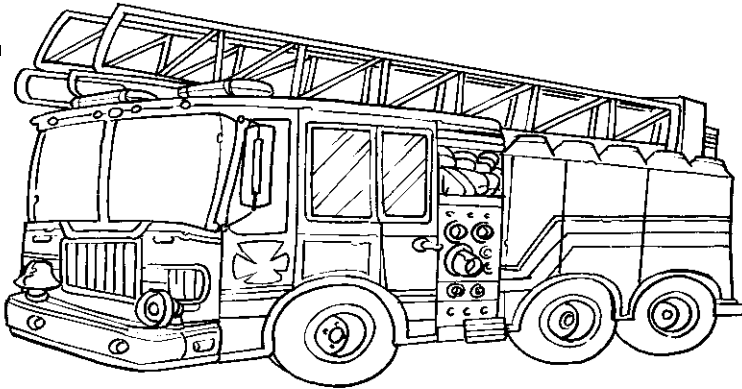
Dolly said that the hose trapped all the exhaust when the trucks started and that magnets kept the hoses on the trucks and would release them when they moved forward.

Matching

Dolly said that there are many different kinds of firetrucks. The most common are an Engine, which is a general purpose firetruck; a tanker, which has extra water; a ladder, which has the tall ladder; and a Rescue truck, which is like an ambulance.

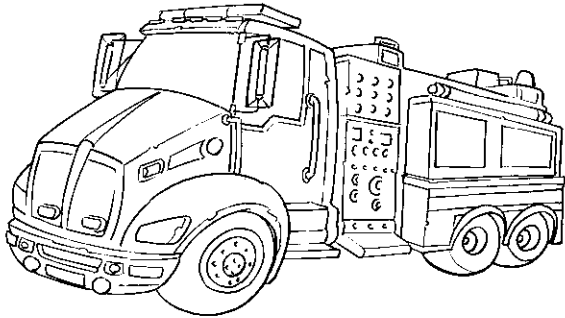
Match the name of the truck to the correct image.

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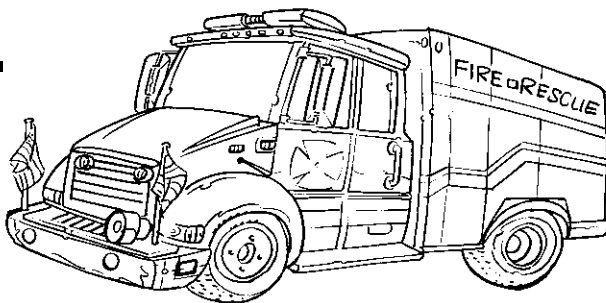
Engine

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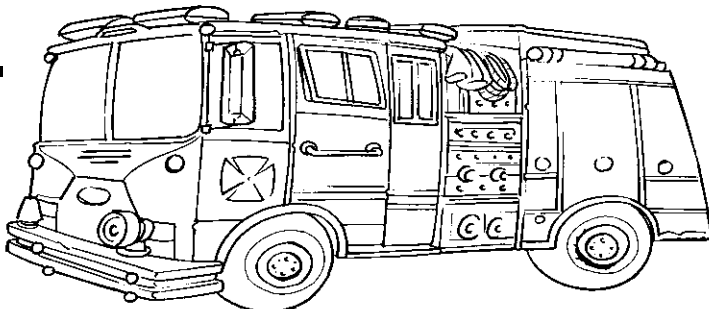
Rescue

3.



Ladder

4.



Tanker

What's the Difference?

Dolly is helping out at the Fire Station.
But what's different about her?



MATCHING

Previous page ANSWERS: 1. Ladder 2. Tanker 3. Rescue 4. Engine

See answer on next page

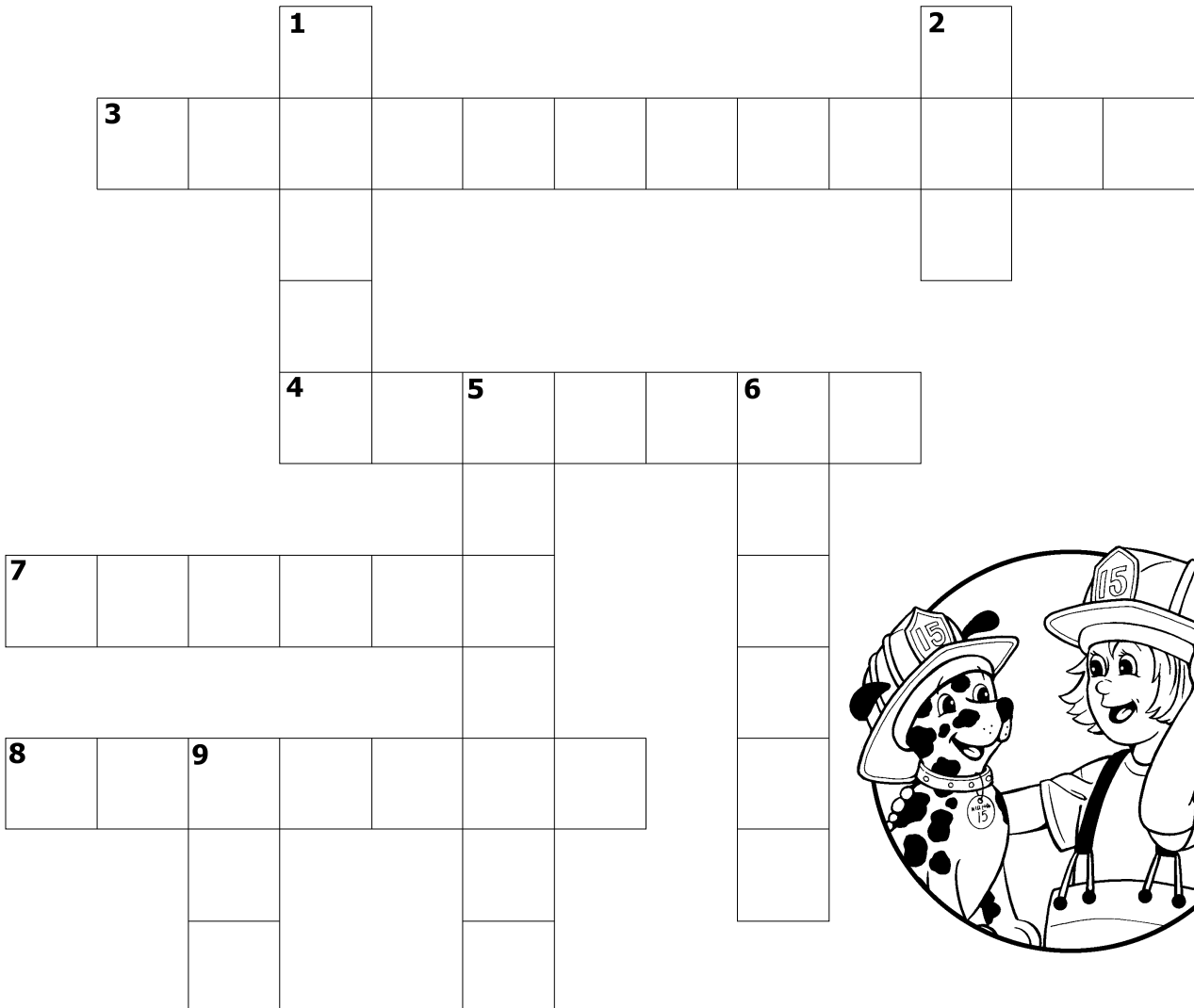
Firefighter Crossword

ACROSS

3. These people saves lives and put out fires.
4. Firemen cook here during the 24 hours they are on duty.
7. This type of firetruck is used to get to the roof of tall buildings.
8. A firefighter writes down information on all calls here.

DOWN

1. Firefighters ride in one of these to get to fires.
2. A firefighter will use this when he has to stay at the station overnight.
5. This is a firefighter's gear when it is ready to be put on.
6. The most common type of firetruck, a general purpose truck.
9. A firefighter will exercise here to stay in shape during his day at the station.



WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Previous page ANSWER: 5

Firefighter Trivia

- Most firefighters can get dressed in under one minute.
- A firefighter's full gear weighs about 70 pounds.
- All firefighters are trained as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's).
- About 70% of calls that a firefighter responds to are for first aid.
- A smoke alarm's battery should be changed twice a year.

My Visit to the Fire Station

*I promise to respect firefighters
and to listen to them during
any emergency.*

Sign your name here

Crossword Answers:

1. Truck

2. Bed

3. Firefighters

4. Kitchen

5. Turnout

6. Engine

7. Ladder

8. Logbook

9. Gym