ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Everyday Vocabulary Fire Test

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Explanations

1. (Please note: The following questions are part of a cloze test. They are interrelated, meaning that the information provided in each question is connected to the others.)

FIRE

During the night, it was reported that a house was _____ fire.
✔ **C) on**
We say something is **on fire** when it is burning. Example: **The house was on fire.**

2. Someone phoned the fire _____ and a fire _____ was sent to the house.
✔ **B) brigade**
The **fire brigade** is the British name for the service that puts out fires. You phone the fire brigade in an emergency. Not **bridge**, which only looks similar.

3. Someone phoned the fire _____ and a fire _____ was sent to the house.
✔ **A) engine**
A **fire engine** is the big red vehicle that carries firefighters and water to a fire. The fire brigade sent a **fire engine** to the house.

4. One fire-_____ was _____ by smoke and taken to hospital, but in half an hour, the fire was _____ control and after another half hour, it was finally _____.
✔ **D) man**
A **fireman** (today often called a **firefighter**) is a person whose job is to put out fires. Only a person can be taken to hospital, so **engine** and **brigade** don't fit.

5. One fire-_____ was _____ by smoke and taken to hospital, but in half an hour, the fire was _____ control and after another half hour, it was finally _____.
✔ **C) overcome**
Overcome by smoke means made weak or unconscious by breathing in smoke. **Overcome** is the past participle (overcome – overcame – overcome). Not **overwent** or **overgone**, which are not real words.

6. One fire-_____ was _____ by smoke and taken to hospital, but in half an hour, the fire was _____ control and after another half hour, it was finally _____.
✔ **A) under**
Under control means the firefighters had stopped the fire from spreading. The opposite is **out of control**, not just **out**.

7. One fire-_____ was _____ by smoke and taken to hospital, but in half an hour, the fire was _____ control and after another half hour, it was finally _____.
✔ **D) put out**
To **put out** a fire means to stop it burning. Example: **They put out the fire with water.** Not **put off**, which means to delay something.

8. At first, the police thought it was an accident, but later they found matches and a petrol can and began to suspect _____.
✔ **B) arson**
Arson is the crime of starting a fire on purpose. The matches and the petrol can are the clue that someone started the fire. Not **robbery**, which means stealing.

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