

Charlie the Firefighter

Guided Reading

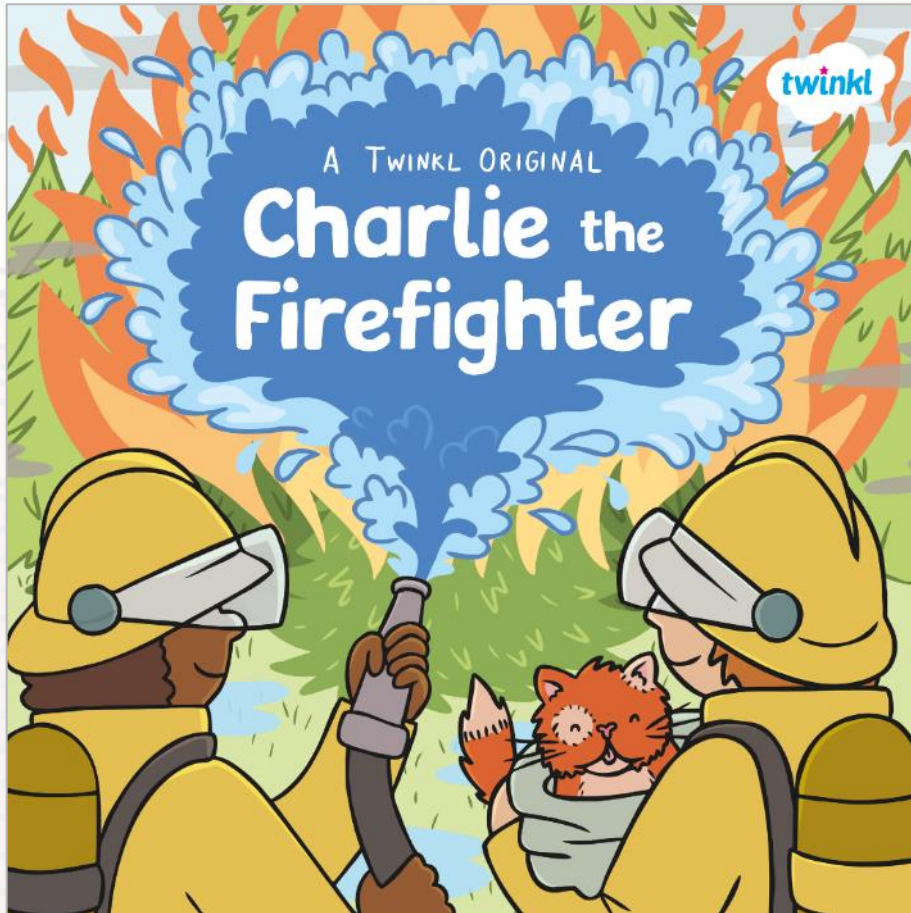


Charlie the Firefighter

Read the book 'Charlie the Firefighter'
and look at the illustrations.

To see a question about the book,
click this button:





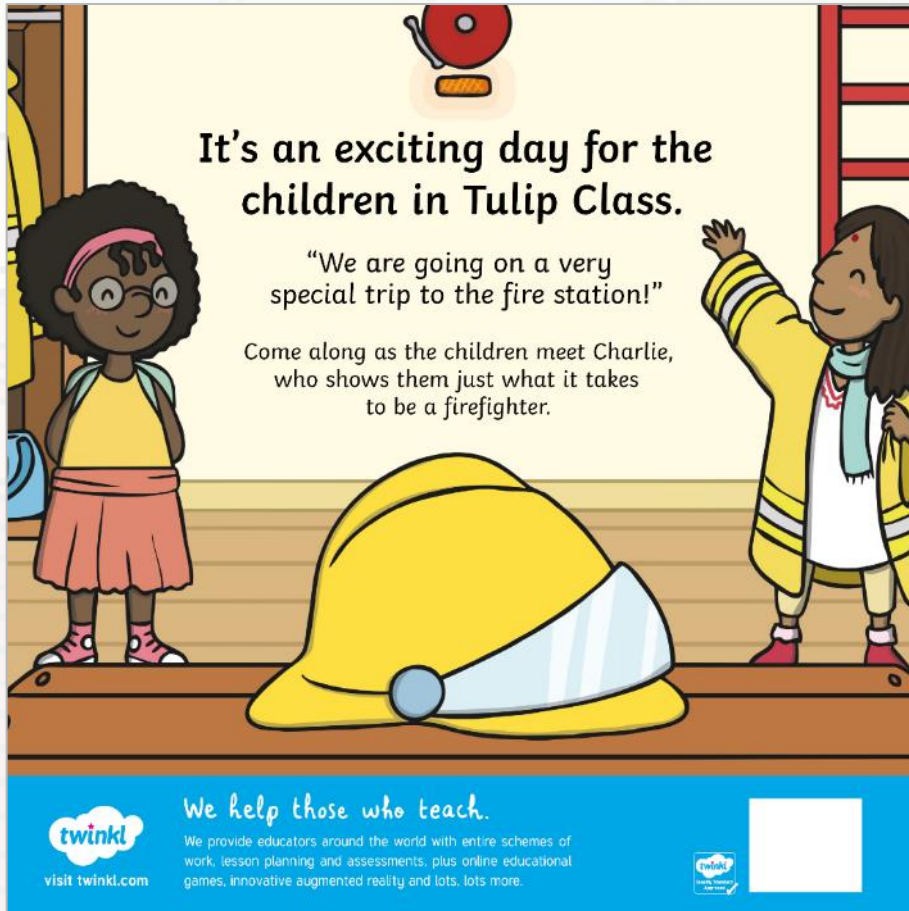
Do you think this book is fiction or non-fiction?



Do you know what a firefighter does?



What do you think might happen in this story?



Why is it an exciting day for Tulip Class?

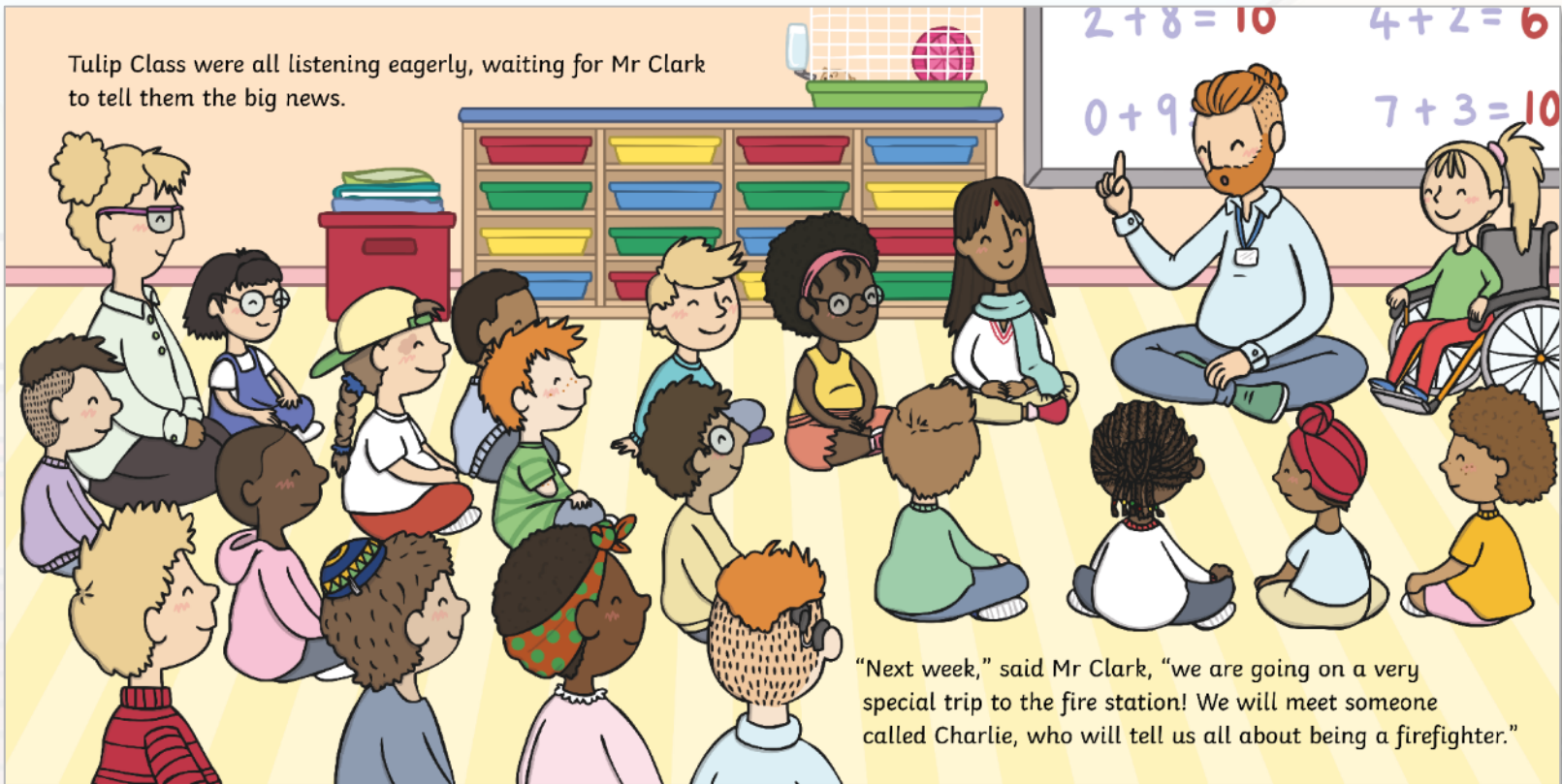


Can you predict what might happen at the fire station?



Do you know what it takes to be a firefighter?

Tulip Class were all listening eagerly, waiting for Mr Clark to tell them the big news.



"Next week," said Mr Clark, "we are going on a very special trip to the fire station! We will meet someone called Charlie, who will tell us all about being a firefighter."

?

Why are the class listening 'eagerly'?

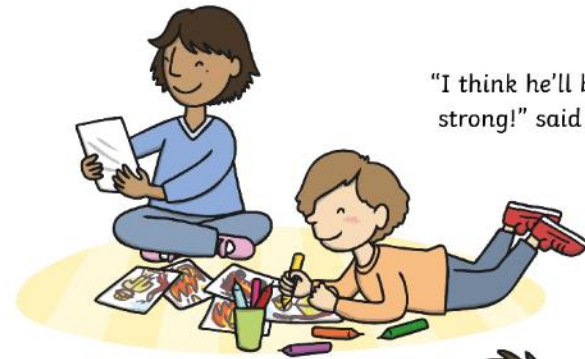
?

When are the class going to meet Charlie?

All week, the children were buzzing with excitement.



"I can't wait to meet Charlie,"
said Dylan. "I bet he's so cool!"



"I think he'll be really
strong!" said Medinah.

"I'm going to tell him that I
want to be a firefighter too!"
said Tayo.



Why are the children
'buzzing with excitement'?



What do the children
think that Charlie
will be like?



Finally, Monday arrived and it was time to go to the fire station and meet Charlie. Tulip Class lined up with their partners and made their way to the bus.

Billy and Amari sat together, talking about what they thought might happen at the fire station.



"I hope Charlie lets me ride in the fire engine!" said Billy.

"I really hope he shows us how to use the hose!" said Amari.



How will the children get to the fire station?



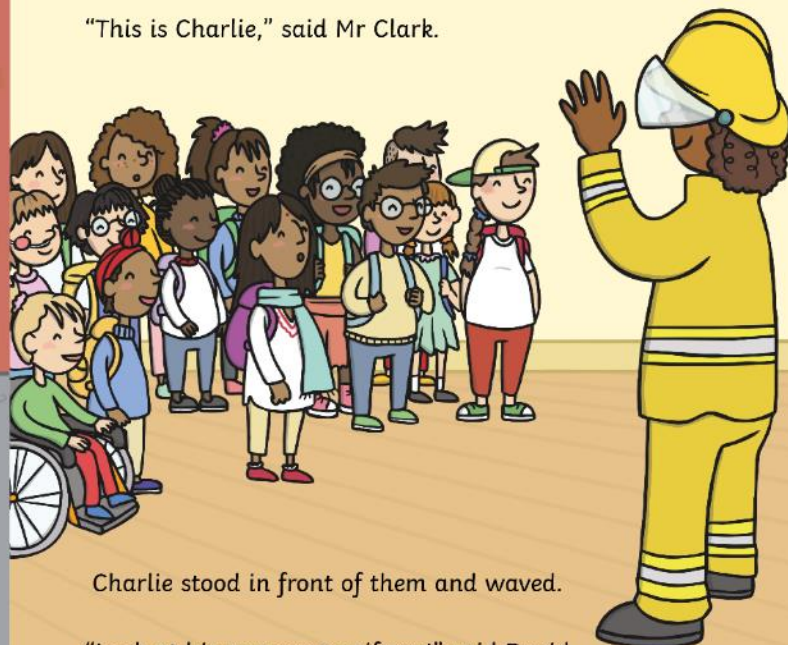
Do you think that Billy will get to ride in a fire engine?

2



When they arrived, Mr Clark led the children off the bus and into the fire station.

"This is Charlie," said Mr Clark.

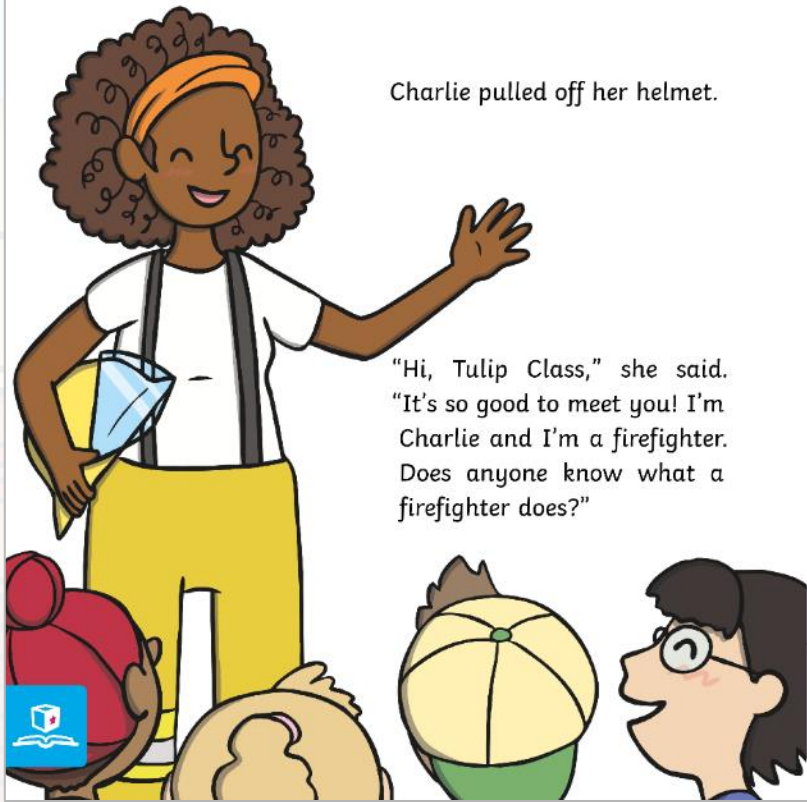


Charlie stood in front of them and waved.

"Look at his awesome uniform!" said David.

?

What adjective does David use to describe Charlie's uniform?



"You put out fires," said Grace.

"You help people in emergencies," said Ayesha.

"You rescue kittens from trees!" said Kai.

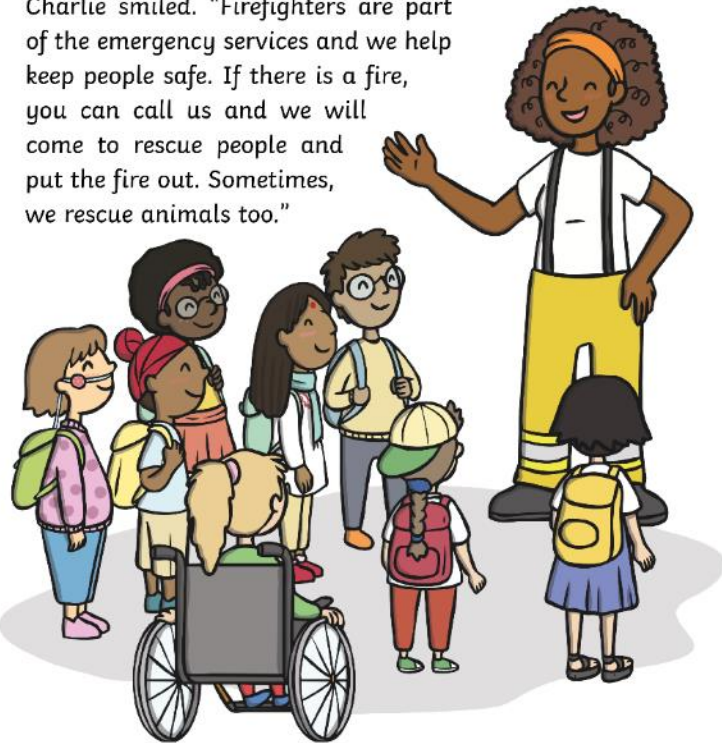


Do you think the children were expecting Charlie to be a woman? Why?



What does Ayesha think that firefighters do?

Charlie smiled. "Firefighters are part of the emergency services and we help keep people safe. If there is a fire, you can call us and we will come to rescue people and put the fire out. Sometimes, we rescue animals too."



"Is it hard?" asked Annie.

Charlie thought for a moment.



What do people do to get help when there is a fire?



What do you think Charlie's answer to Annie's question might be?

"Being a firefighter can be hard," said Charlie. "Fires are dangerous so I have to be very brave."



"I also have to keep fit to make sure I am strong enough to do the job."

"But the thing that every firefighter needs most is a great team. It's the other firefighters that help me do my job, even when it's hard."



"Now, who wants to see the fire engine?" asked Charlie.



?

Why do you think a firefighter needs to be strong?

?

Why do you think teamwork is an important part of Charlie's job?

They headed out behind the fire station to find a big, bright red fire engine.



"Wow," said Billy. "It's amazing!"

"If you'd like to get in then I need to see some great teamwork," said Charlie. "Are you ready to take turns?"

Tulip Class lined up in pairs and waited patiently until everyone had been inside. Mr Clark took lots of photographs of the children sat behind the steering wheel.

"I'm just like a real firefighter!" said Medinah.



?

Why do the children need to take turns?

?

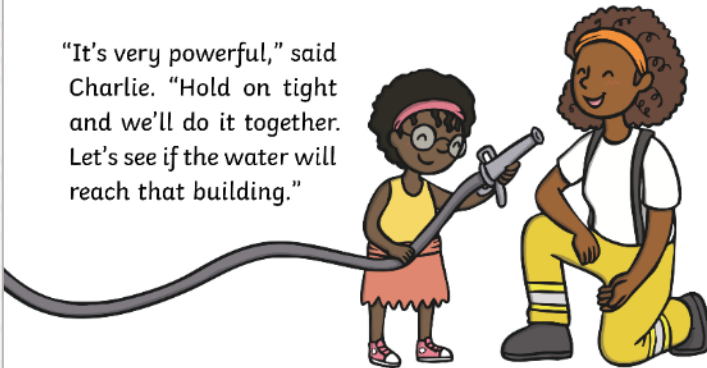
What does the adverb 'patiently' mean?

"Can I have a volunteer to use the hose?" asked Charlie.

A sea of hands shot up and Charlie chose Amari first.



"It's very powerful," said Charlie. "Hold on tight and we'll do it together. Let's see if the water will reach that building."



The hose came to life and a huge jet of water shot forwards, covering the wall.



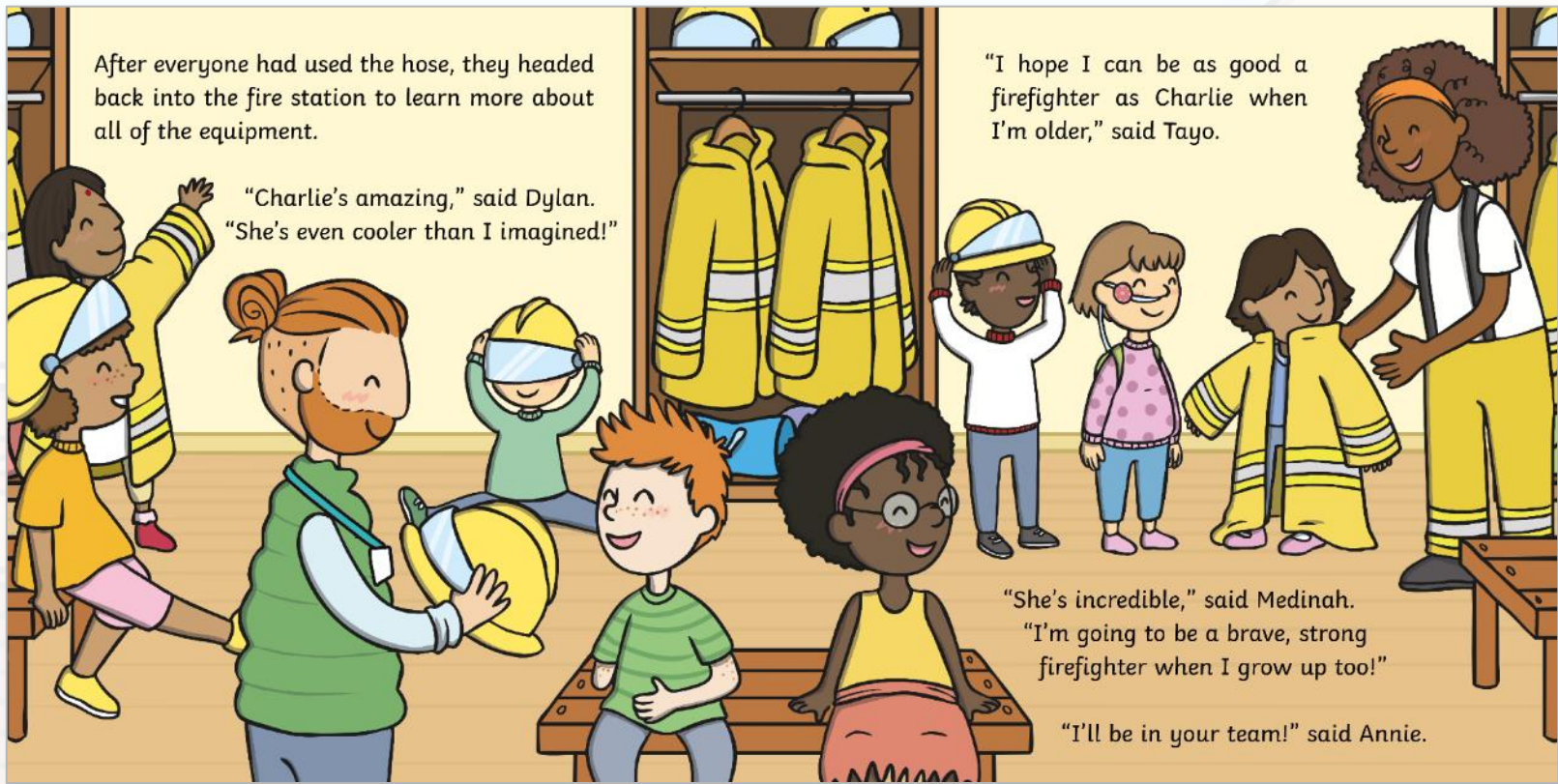
"Good job," said Charlie. "You would make a super firefighter!"



Why does the author write that there was 'a sea of hands'? What do they mean?



What makes the hose come 'to life'?



What 'equipment' can you see in the fire station?



What has inspired the children to want to be firefighters?



"You should be whatever you want to be," said Charlie.
"The best thing you can be is yourself."



Why does Ayesha want to speak to Charlie?



Does Charlie think that everyone should be a firefighter?



Does Ayesha dream of being a firefighter?



What jobs would the children like to do when they grow up?



Who is the main character in this story?



Billy



Charlie



Mr Clark



Before they met Charlie, the children had imagined that she would be a man. Why do you think they thought this?





Which of these events happens first?



Which happens last?





Charlie says that people call the emergency services when there is a fire. Do you know how to call for help in an emergency?





Charlie says that teamwork is really important. Can you think of times when you need to use good teamwork in your life?



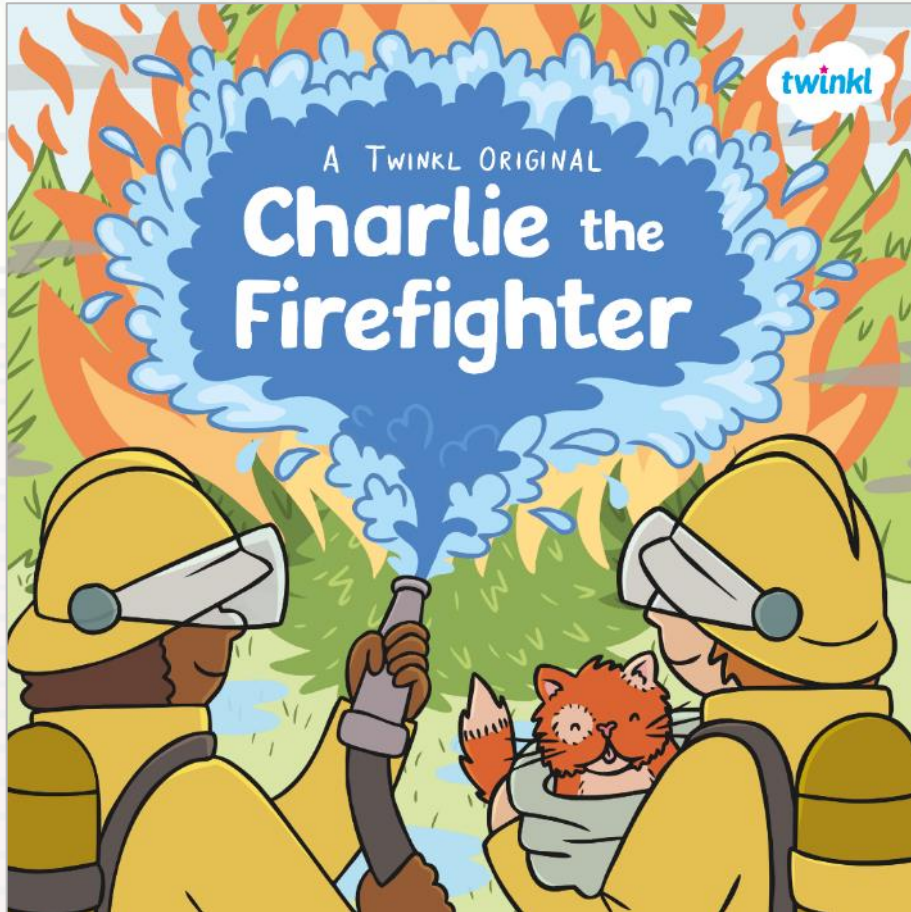


Would you like to be a firefighter?
Why?



What would you like to be when
you grow up?





Did you enjoy reading this story?



Did you learn anything about firefighters?



Would you recommend this book to a friend?

twinkl

