

### A fire in the forest



In a lovely sunny morning, Harry and Jack trudged through the hiking trail in the countryside. They chatted happily and failed to notice the storm black clouds gathering above their heads. Suddenly, Harry looked up and saw that the sky was filled with gigantic dark clouds. Trembling, he told Jack, "It's going to rain. Let's find a shelter!" While they were rushing through the winding path, a blinding flash struck the tree beside them, followed by a tremendous deafening boom. Jack looked up and gasped. A tree was on fire.

Jack immediately scampered back on his feet and cried, "Harry, the scorching fire is going to spread and burn down the forest!" Harry replied, "Wait, I see a house nearby. Let's go and get help!" The boys quickly dashed towards the house as fast as they could fearing that the fire would spread widely. When they reached the house, they kept ringing the doorbell until a lady opened the door. Jack told the lady in an anxious voice, "A tree has been struck by lightning. Can we borrow your mobile phone and call the police?" The lady nodded and ushered them in. Harry immediately phoned the police. They uttered a silent prayer wishing that they were not too late to save the forest.

Within minutes, they heard the unmistakable sound of a helicopter going, "Ratatatatata". The helicopter opened its hatch and started dousing the burning trees. Soon, the fire was extinguished. A few trees were charred and blackened, but otherwise the forest was fine. Harry and Jack looked at the helicopter in awe as it landed on the greenish soft grass. The pilot of the firefighting helicopter walked over to the boys and thanked them for alerting the firefighters before the fire spread. Harry and Jack were very pleased that they were able to help saving the forest. The firefighters even offered them a ride home! The boys happily accepted and climbed aboard.

As the helicopter landed, Harry and Jack rushed back home in excitement. They couldn't wait to share their breathtaking experience with their parents.