

READING 1

Fire on the Carmel

- A** You are going to read about the fire on the Carmel. Look up the New Words in the Glossary and write them in your vocabulary notebook.

NEW WORDS ▾

bring back	make sure
cage	put out
firefighter	rescue (n, v)
follow	safe
ground	smoke
immediately	spread
let ... go	worst

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B TIP!

The headline of a news report makes us want to find out what happened. The report gives the facts – *who, what, where, when* and sometimes *why*.

הכותרת של ידיעה גורמות לנו לרצות לגלות מה קרה. הידיעה מוסרת את העובדות - מי, מה, איפה, מתי ולפעמים גם למה. ישיר עיון הניב לדניא הרגביע במערה מא הזי חד. ויפיד הנבא החקאק - מן, מאזא, אין, מתי ואחינא למאזא איצא.

Look at the headlines and the pictures. Describe the pictures using the New Words.

- C** Read at least part 1 of the news report and do the exercises.

FYI!

More than five million trees burned down in the Carmel fire. It will take 20 years for the forest to grow back.

WORLD NEWS

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FIRE ON THE CARMEL

**1** The Worst Fire

At 11:00 in the morning on December 2, 2010, a fire started in the Carmel Forest near Haifa. It spread very quickly because of the strong wind. It became the worst fire in Israel's history. Forty-four people died and many were badly hurt. Seventeen thousand people had to leave their homes.

- 5 The flames¹ were so high that the firefighters couldn't go into the forest. Israel asked for help to fight the fire from the air.

Turkey, Greece, Cyprus and Bulgaria sent teams of firefighters, planes and firefighting equipment. Russia sent special firefighting planes. The biggest plane that came to the rescue was the Supertanker – a firefighting Jumbo jet from the U.S.A.

- 10 For four days firefighters, police, soldiers and volunteers from Israel and many other countries worked day and night. They fought together to put out the fire.

Answer the questions.

What happened?
When did it happen?
Where did it happen?
Who came to help?
How did they help?

2 Saving the Hai-Bar

"On Thursday, December 2, at around 11 a.m., we saw smoke," said Makladeh, a ranger² at the Carmel Hai-Bar Nature Reserve³ near Haifa.

- 15 More than 100 rangers and volunteers came quickly to help rescue the animals. They immediately moved some of the rare⁴ birds to other nature reserves. Then they opened some of the cages and let some of the other animals and birds go.

"By noon, the smoke was much stronger," Makladeh said, "and we decided to move all of the deer." He brought a bucket of the deer's favorite food, and called the deer.

- 20 They followed him to a safer place, away from the fire.

For 70 hours people fought the fire around the Hai-Bar. They had to make sure the trees and the ground were wet. When the fire was put out, it was safe for the animals to return. Makladeh fixed the cages and brought back the birds.

Complete the sentences.

1. Makladeh works at the
2. He knew there was a problem when he saw
3. They decided to
4. Makladeh brought the birds back when

¹ flames / להבות

² ranger / חارس הגאבה

³ Nature Reserve / שמורת טבע / מחمية طبيعية

⁴ rare / נדירות / נادرة