

**READ THE PASSAGE** Picture the things forest fires do.

Fire in a forest can do much harm. Forest fires burn many trees. They burn animals' homes. Some even burn people's houses.

Fires can be terrible, but they do some good things, too. Fires clear the forest floor. They get rid of old, dry branches. This helps keep more fires from starting.

Fires make new holes in trees where birds can nest. They also make more room for new trees to grow.

Some pine cones need fire. They do not let go of their seeds without it. In forest fires, the cones drop seeds that become new baby trees. This makes the forest new.

A forest fire can be both bad and good.

**STRATEGY PRACTICE** Complete the sentence.

When I read this passage, I pictured \_\_\_\_\_.

**SKILL PRACTICE** Read the question. Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

1. What is the best title for the passage?  
Ⓐ "Pine Cones That Need Fire"  
Ⓑ "Fires That Burn Houses"  
Ⓒ "Good Things About Forest Fires"  
Ⓓ "Firefighters Work Hard"
2. Fires are bad when they \_\_\_\_\_.  
Ⓐ burn homes  
Ⓑ clear the forest floor  
Ⓒ make spots for nests  
Ⓓ make room for trees
3. When the forest floor is clear, \_\_\_\_\_.  
Ⓐ seeds fall out of pine cones  
Ⓑ new trees have room to grow  
Ⓒ animals get rid of dry branches  
Ⓓ birds build nests
4. Fire helps some pine trees by \_\_\_\_\_.  
Ⓐ getting rid of old branches  
Ⓑ chasing away birds  
Ⓒ burning their needles  
Ⓓ spreading their seeds