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Fire

A Few Facts:

- **Structure Fire**
 - Structure fires happen in buildings like a house or school.
 - In less than 30 seconds, a small flame can turn into a big fire.
 - Most fires happen at home when people are sleeping.
 - A fire will create black smoke that makes it hard to breathe and see.
 - Smoke and toxic gases kill more people than flames.
- **Wildfire**
 - Wildfires are unexpected and happen outdoors in a forest or field.
 - Nine out of 10 wildfires are caused by people.
 - Wildfires burn hotter in the middle of the day when the sun is very hot.

Vocabulary:

- **Wildfire:** an uncontrollable fire in a natural setting
- **Fire Weather:** weather conditions that are favorable for wildfire
- **Red Flag Warning:** fire weather conditions are happening or will happen
- **Toxic:** something that is poisonous

References:

- **Department of Homeland Security (DHS)**
- **U.S. Fire Administration**
- **U.S. Fire Service**
- **Merriam-Webster Word Central**

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