



Teacher's Notes: "Fire in Trump Tower"

General Tips: The goal is to build background knowledge while leading an engaging discussion on any and all information that can be talked about on a given page. The items that you choose to bring up or focus on can be modified for the students you are working with. For example, if you have a student who can point something in the picture, answer yes/no questions be sure to incorporate a lot more of that as you go through the book. On the same token, be sure to ask a lot of comprehension questions and critical thinking questions at the level of students who are working on those skills. There is something for everyone.

Addressing problem solving: Throughout the e-book, help students identify the problems that are involved in the book.

Page 1: On Monday morning on January 8th there was a fire. What day is today? How long ago was the fire? What is the date today? (use calendar to make sense of how long ago this happened-yesterday? Two days ago? Last month?) The fire was at Trump Tower. Let's look at the building. That is a tall building. That is a skyscraper. Point at the skyscraper. How do people get to the top of that building? (talk about stairs and elevators and how many floors there are, etc.). Problem solving: If you get off on the wrong floor on the elevator what do you do? This building has a name. The name of this building is Trump Tower. Have you ever heard of Trump? What is a tower? It's a tall building. This building is in NYC. NYC is a big city in the state of NY. Point to NY. Point to our state. What ocean is over there by NY? Atlantic. Pepper in questions: "What is the building called? Where is it located? What happened? When? What state do you live in? Did this happen in your state? Did a tornado hit Trump Tower? Did a fire start there? Here is a video of the story:

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/trump-tower-fire-latest-updates-midtown-manhattan-new-york-donald-trump-home-fire-fighters-respond-a8147751.html>

Page 2: The building is called Trump Tower. Do you know why? Donald Trump owns it. He is the president of the U.S. Before he was the president, he had this building built. He named it after himself. Who is the president of the U.S.? Who owns the tower? What is the name of the building?

Page 3: Donald Trump is the president. The president and his family live at the White House. The White House is in Washington D.C. It is not in New York. Trump's wife is Melania. She lives in the White House. Trump's son is Barron. He lives at the White House too. They live in Washington D.C. The Trump Tower is named after Donald Trump because he owns it. Donald has an older son who lives in the Trump Tower right now. Who lives in the White House? What is Trump's wife's name? His son's name? Where do they live? Where is the White House?

Page 4: Even though Donald lives in the White House now, he still has a penthouse at Trump Tower. Do you know what a penthouse is? It is the house at the very top of a building. Way up high. They have to take the elevator to the 58th floor to get to that penthouse!!!! It is fancy! Trump is very, very rich. He is a billionaire. He has billions of dollars. Point at the window of a penthouse. What a beautiful view! Point

at the money. Is Trump rich? Where is a penthouse located? Does Trump live there now? Would you like to see inside his penthouse house? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KouKXa4pw3Y> What do you think of it? (point out what you notice about it.)

Page 5: Look at Trump Tower. His penthouse is at the top of that sky scraper. See the circle. Wow that is up high. If you look out the window of Donald's penthouse, you can see all over New York City? (look at the page before to show the view again) Point at the penthouse? Who lives in there? How would he get up there? What number would you hit on the elevator? Here is a video where you can see the elevator at Trump Tower. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=udWuidkzqtM>

Page 6: Trump's penthouse is at the top of the building. At the bottom of the building there are businesses and stores. There is a Starbucks in there! People can go in there and look around and go to Starbucks. What would you say if you went into a Starbucks? What do you like to order (pretend you are ordering a coffee at Starbucks with the class-take turns-coach students on what they can say, etc. Here is a menu you can use if you would like to look at the site with students.

<https://www.starbucks.com/menu/drinks/frappuccino-blended-beverages>

Page 7: The top floors of Trump Tower is a penthouse. The bottom floors are businesses. The middle floors are where other rich people live. The middle floors are residential. That means that people live there. Is this a residential area we are? No, we are at a school? Is my house in a residential area? Yes it is. When people live there, that is a residential area. What does residential mean?

Page 8: Sometimes fires are really big. This fire was not that big. It was a small fire on the roof of Trump Tower. Is Trump's penthouse near the roof? What should people do if a building is on fire? Who do we call to put out a fire? The fire was an electrical fire. That means that it was caused by electricity. Something that makes electricity for that building got over-heated and started on fire. The firemen came to help. It was a small fire. Where was the fire? Point to the firemen. Why did the firemen go to Trump Tower on Monday? Was the fire big? Was it small? Let's watch the firemen again.

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Page 9: Well, good news. The firemen came right away. They put the fire out. Everything is fine now. What do firemen do when there is a fire? What should you do if you see a fire?