

Bushfires!

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Graphic Organizer (before and during reading)

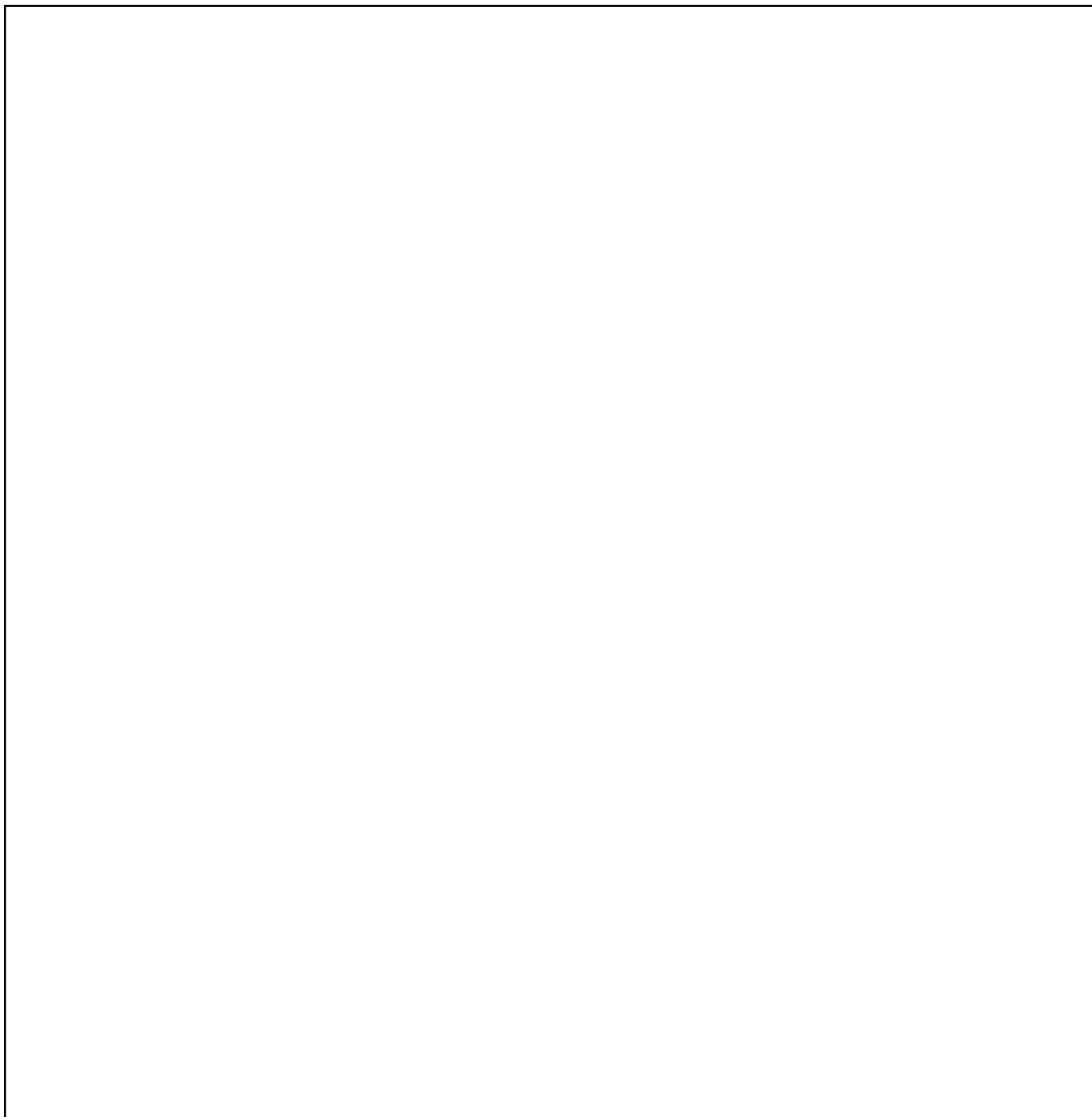
Chapter	Main ideas
Introduction	
What Makes a Fire?	
Kinds of Bushfires	
How Do Bushfires Start?	
How Bushfires Spread	
Fighting the Fire	
Effects of a Bushfire	
Australian Bushfires	

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Multiple Intelligences
Spatial, Verbal-linguistic

Design a poster to discourage arsonists from deliberately lighting fires. Try to think of powerful words that will really “speak” to the reader.



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🔍 Code Breaker

Write as many compound words as you can from the book.

Think of ten adjectives to describe a bushfire.

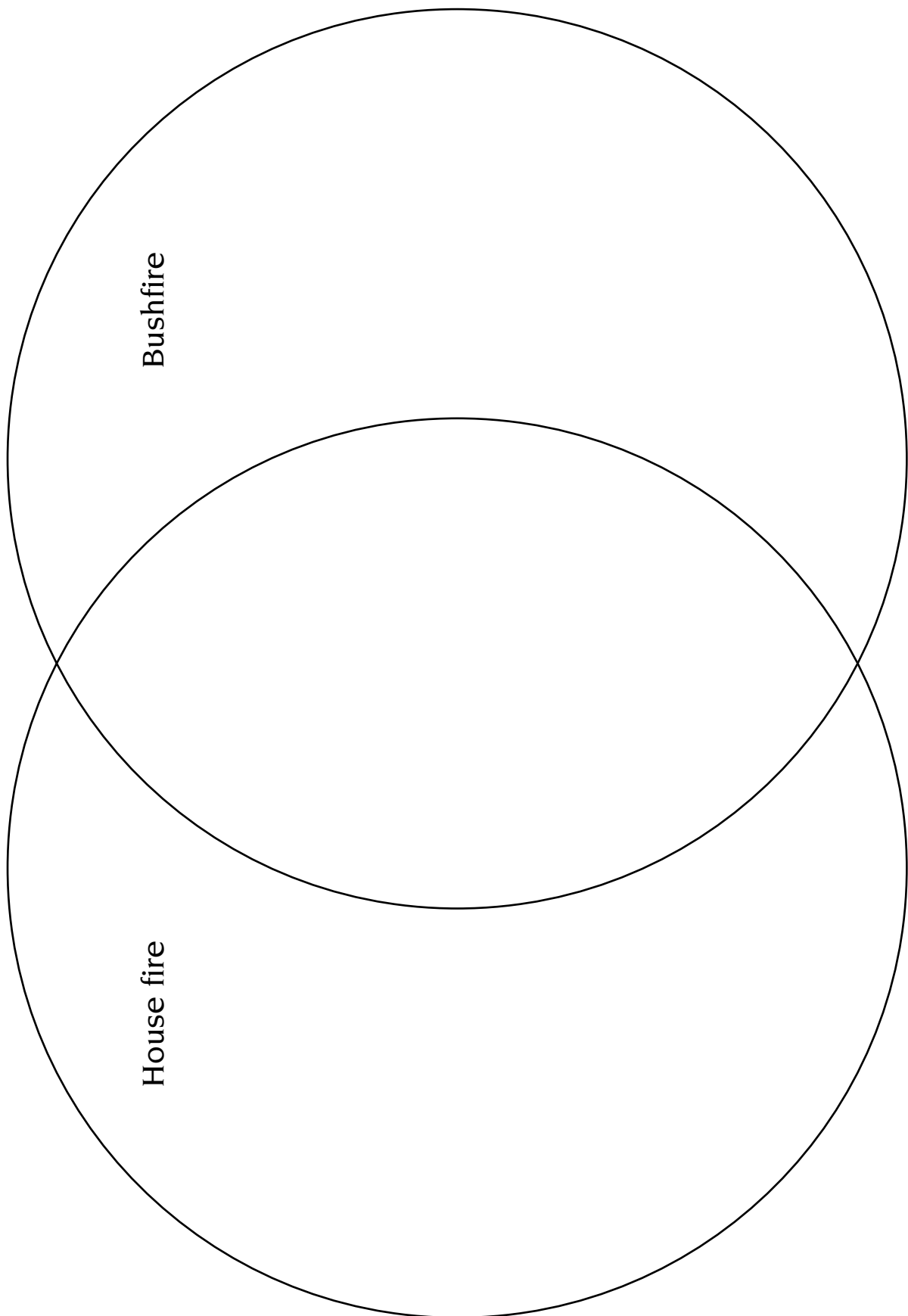
Think of five adjectives to describe an arsonist.

Use the photographs in the book to help you build a picture of a bushfire. Write four to six sentences to create a description of a bushfire.

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Complete the Venn diagram to show the similarities and differences between a house fire and a bushfire.



Meaning Maker

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⦿ Text User

Use the photos, captions, diagrams, map, and table to help you to answer the questions.

1. What is one example of a controlled fire?

2. What are the four parts of a fire tetrahedron?

3. What produces heat and flame?

4. Why is discarded paper dangerous on the forest floor?

5. What is often the link between small fires and bigger fires?

6. What is the main fuel of a large bushfire?

7. What kind of unsupervised fire can get out of control easily?

8. What percentage of bushfires are caused by lightning strikes?

9. What percentage of bushfires are caused by arson?

10. Which state of Australia has the highest risk of bushfires?

11. Why must a smoke jumper be highly skilled?

12. What was destroyed by fire at Mt Buffalo, near Melbourne, in December 2006?

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Text Critic

The information in this book is presented as factual. How might our understandings of bushfires be different if the author presented this book as an interview with a firefighter?

Write an interview question to ask each of these people.

Firefighter

Weather forecaster

Arsonist

Resident living near a bushfire area

Think of some questions to ask animals in danger of bushfires.

Animal	Question

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Information Report (Cause/Effect)

Here are some answers. Think of a question that will make each answer correct.

Answer:

Question:

1. fire

2. warmth

3. summer

4. fire tetrahedron

5. combustion

6. tree bark

7. ground fire

8. surface fire

9. crown fire

10. lightning
