

**Activity 2: Read this news report and answer questions.****Big fire, little water**

Ana Madigibuli

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

A THREE-BEDROOM corrugated and wooden house in Bureta St in Samabula was completely destroyed by fire, leaving two families with nothing. The two families could not salvage anything but the clothes on their backs as the fire spread quickly throughout their home yesterday. One of the problems that the owners faced while trying to put out the fire was the lack of water supply in their taps. The homeowner said water pressure was low during the time of the fire and that they had tried to put out the fire when it started. "We had hired a gardener to come and clean our yard. He had collected some rubbish and had started to burn some of it at the back yard which was the cause of the fire," he said. "We wanted to stop the fire from spreading but there wasn't any water. The water pressure was very low, so we could not stop the fire then. We watched as the fire spread through the house and we were lucky no one was injured." He said neighbours helped them try to save a few things but the fire had spread through the whole building quickly. National Fire Authority CEO John O'Connor said they had received an emergency call around 11.55am and had responded right away. Mr. O'Connor said they managed to stop the fire from spreading to the other houses. "People need to seek advice first before burning their rubbish close to their homes because fires can always spread quickly if the fires are not controlled," he said.

**Courtesy of the Fiji Times**

1. Where did the fire start from?

**Back yard**

2. Why couldn't the owners put out the fire?

**There was not enough water, the water pressure was low**

3. If there was a fire extinguisher available in that house, what would you think would have happened? Explain.

**The fire could have been stopped from spreading. The house could have been saved.**

4. What is the emergency number of the National Fire Authority? **910**