Emergency Help

Pre-reading

Questions:
• What do you think of when you read the title and look at the picture?

Definitions:
• Emergency – a sudden, serious crisis that needs fast action
• Collide – to bump together with force
• Scene – the place where something happens

Reading

It was a rainy day in March. The snow had melted, but it was still cold outside. The rain turned into ice on the roads. Dave saw a large truck and a car collide. It was a big crash.

He was the first one on the scene. He needed to stop and help. Dave stopped his car on the side of the road. He saw a lot of blood on the car windshield. No one in the car was moving. Dave dialed 911 from his cell phone.

Dave did not remove the injured people from the car. Moving them may have caused them greater harm. He waited for the ambulance. It was on the scene in less than five minutes.

Dave felt good about stopping and calling 911. Lives were in danger and emergency medical help was needed. His 911 call helped save lives.

Level 2.5
Understanding

1. What do you think caused the crash? ________________________________________________
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2. What did Dave do? And, why did he do it? __________________________________________
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3. What does the word **injured** mean? ______________________________________________
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4. Why didn’t Dave take people out of the car? _________________________________________
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5. When should a 911 call be made? _________________________________________________
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Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: Tell about a time you called 911.