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FOCUS ON California Wildfires

1. Write a paragraph describing how wind affects wildfires.
2. Do you think controlled burns are a good way to prevent wildfires? Why or why not?
3. What three things are needed for a fire to burn?

- **4.** What might happen in an area where wildfires never happen?
 - **A.** The forest would be healthier and taller.

A. heat, fuel, and oxygen

C. air, wind, and drought

B. embers, smoke, and water

- **B.** The number of insects would increase too quickly.
- C. New plants would be able to grow more easily.

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5. What does **unattended** mean in this book?

People may be careless with matches. Or they may leave campfires unattended.

- **A.** not watched
- **B.** not started
- C. not planned

6. What does controlled mean in this book?

Sometimes, people start controlled burns. These fires stay within a certain area.

- **A.** made by accident
- **B.** kept within limits
- **C.** set completely free

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Answer Key:

- 1. Answers will vary
- 2. Answers will vary
- **3.** A
- **4.** B
- **5**. A
- **6.** B