Fire Memories

Lisa decided to enter an essay contest at her school for Fire Prevention Week. She and her family had survived a fire in their home several years ago, and she planned to use some of those memories in her essay. She wanted to speak from the heart about how important it is to practice fire safety at home and everywhere.

As she sat at her desk in her bedroom, the fire memories came flooding back to her mind. It was a scary night. There was a thunderstorm, and the electricity went out. Lisa's mom lit a candle and placed it on the coffee table in the living room. Her family huddled together around the candle while her dad told funny stories. After a little while, the lights came back on, and everyone got ready for bed, but nobody remembered the candle still aglow on the coffee table.

Suddenly, in the middle of the night, the family's smoke detector sounded an alarm, and they were jolted awake. Lisa could smell the smoke, and she was frightened. Previously, her parents had wisely made a fire evacuation plan and practiced it with the children many times, so they all knew what to do. Everyone got out of the house safely.

The fireman later told Lisa's parents that a spark from the candle must have somehow landed on the carpet and smoldered into a blaze. The fire damaged a lot of Lisa's home, but they were all okay and felt very thankful. Lisa wanted her classmates to be prepared and be fire safe. She hoped her essay would help.

1. What is Lisa writing for Fire Prevention Week?
   - ○ a song
   - ○ a recipie
   - ○ a poem
   - ○ an essay

2. Lisa knows about fire safety because her family had a fire in their _____.
   - ○ home
   - ○ yard
   - ○ car
   - ○ garage

3. Lisa's family was jolted awake by the alarm on their _____.
   - ○ clock
   - ○ smoke detector
   - ○ microwave
   - ○ telephone

4. The fire started because they had accidentally left a _____ burning.
   - ○ bonfire
   - ○ stove
   - ○ candle
   - ○ matches

5. Lisa's family members all got out of the house safely and felt _____.
   - ○ angry
   - ○ nervous
   - ○ thankful
   - ○ silly