

# 71 put something out

**Study** Read these sentences carefully.

- ▶ You can't smoke in here. **Put** that cigarette **out**, please.
- ▶ They tried to **put out** the fire themselves.
- ▶ The paper caught fire, but thankfully we managed to **put it out**.
- ▶ It was late at night before the blaze **was finally put out**.

**Check** Use the sentences in the Study box to help you do these exercises.

## MEANING

Choose one of the words below to complete the meaning of this use of *put something out*:

to stop something \_\_\_\_\_

- a burning
- b shining
- c working

## GRAMMAR

Which of these are grammatically possible?

- a They put the fire out.
- b They put out the fire.
- c They put it out.
- d They put out it.
- e The fire was put out.



→ Now check your answers in the key.

## Practise

1 Match the two halves to make complete sentences.

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| a After more than ten hours         | i to put the flames out.               |
| b His cigar was making me cough     | ii before any serious damage was done. |
| c Fortunately, the fire was put out | iii so he put it out.                  |
| d Two hose reels were used          | iv the fire still hadn't been put out. |

2 Complete the gaps in this news report with a form of *put out* and any other words you need.

**SERIOUS FOREST FIRES.** Firefighters have been struggling all night to \_\_\_\_\_ fires raging in central Portugal. The fires have already destroyed thousands of acres of forest. It is thought they might \_\_\_\_\_ have been started accidentally by campers who made a fire but did \_\_\_\_\_ completely. The forecast is for heavy rain tonight, so fire chiefs believe there is a chance of the rain \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Build your vocabulary

### SYNONYMS

To **extinguish something** has the same meaning, but is usually more formal:

- ▶ All passengers are kindly requested to **extinguish** their cigarettes and fasten their seatbelts.

You can also **stub out** a cigarette (by pressing the end against something hard), or **blow out** a candle.

### SIMILAR VERBS

→ GO OUT (1)