

An Unexpected Fire

- (1) An early-morning fire destroyed the upper floors of a condominium last Wednesday in New York City.
- (2) The fire started in a living room on the thirtieth floor of the luxurious Turnberry Tower.
- (3) It spread very fast and destroyed the entire floor and the one floor above and below before firemen could put it out.
- (4) The fire destroyed thousands of expensive paintings, antiques, and furniture which decorated the condominium.
- (5) Firemen had a great deal of difficulty trying to put out the fire because of the furnishing oil on the furniture, chemicals to preserve the paintings, and alcohol from the bar.
- (6) These chemicals burned very fast and many of them exploded.
- (7) Police think that a cigarette that wasn't put out properly started the fire.
- (8) They are lucky that there were no casualties as everyone was evacuated in time and the people who live on the floor below were out on vacation.
- (9) Fire department investigators told police that the fire seemed to be an accident.

語注

- (1) upper floor 上の方の階 condominium コンドミニアム、分譲マンション
- (2) luxurious 豪華な
- (3) spread 広がる put out 火を消す
- (4) furniture 家具 decorate 室内装飾をする
- (5) chemical 化学物質 preserve 保護[保存]する
- (6) explode 爆発する
- (7) properly 適切に
- (8) casualty 死傷者、犠牲者 evacuate 避難させる in time 間に合って
- (9) fire department 消防署 investigator 調査官