

Floods: Teaching suggestions

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Activity 1

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1. Get the students to read the instructions first..
2. Let the students do the activity in pairs or small groups, encouraging them to try to pronounce the words they don't know.
3. Monitor closely then stop the activity and elicit feedback.

Answers:

1	2	3
'Oo' = 'u' in 'but'	Oo = 'u' in 'put'	Oo = 'u' in 'blue'
<i>blood</i> flood	<i>look</i> good, foot, wool, book	<i>food</i> pool, school, boot, zoo monsoon, cool

Activity 2

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1. Get the students to do this exercise individually before checking in pairs..
2. Monitor closely then stop the activity and elicit feedback.

**Answers: 1. waters 2. (has) burst its banks 3. water level 4. waterway 5. waterlogged
6. flash flood 7. burst into floods of tears 8. flooded 9. water-borne 10. floodlights**

Activity 3

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1. Get the students to read the questions through first and deal with any vocabulary questions that arise.
2. Do question one together in open class to get the ball rolling.
3. Let the students begin their conversation in pairs or small groups.
4. Monitor closely then stop the activity and elicit feedback.

Activity 4

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If your students don't have access to computers in the classroom, set this for homework.

**Answers: 1. b) The Netherlands 2. In 1974 work began on the Thames Barrier. 3. a) The Queen
4. See below.**

Quick Quiz

Read the clues below and write the solutions on a piece of paper. Then take the first letter of each answer and rearrange them to find a word connected with this month's Talking Point subject: 'Floods'.

1. When the Thames flooded in 1928 fourteen people are reported to have died but it was in 1953 that the biggest disaster **occurred**.
2. Britain is moving – the **north** and west are tilting upwards and the south and east are sinking, albeit slowly.
3. When it was first suggested that a barrier be built the idea **met** with resistance because large ships needed to reach London Docks.
4. Woolwich was chosen as the site for the barrier because the banks of the Thames were **straight** there.
5. The four gates in the middle are just over 20 metres high and weigh 3,500 tonnes each and no less than six of the gates are **navigable**.
6. The project was so large that it was another ten years before the Queen **officially** opened it.
7. Nowadays estimates forecast that the barrier will be able to prevent London flooding for the next 50 or 60 years. Beyond that the **outlook** is less assured.

**Answer: MONSOON (M for Met [3], O for Occurred [1], N for North [2], S for Straight [4],
O for Officially [6], O for Outlook [7], N for Navigable [5]).**

Activity 5

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This activity can be set as homework to be followed up and consolidated in a future lesson generating more discussion. What did most students feel about the question? What reasons were put forward in each case? Did the students read anything which changed their minds on the topic? (etc.)