

# Floods

## Activity 1

Put the following words into the correct column below depending on the pronunciation of 'oo'. Look at the examples first.

blood look food good pool foot school boot wool monsoon book cool zoo flood

1	2	3
'Oo' = 'u' in 'but'	Oo = 'u' in 'put'	Oo = 'u' in 'blue'
blood	look	food

## Activity 2

Complete the sentences with the following words and phrases in the correct form:

flash flood floodlights to burst into floods of tears to burst its banks to flood  
water level water-borne waterlogged waters waterway

1. The ..... of the river are rising fast.
2. The river ..... and flooded the surrounding area.
3. The ..... in the river is 2 metres higher than usual.
4. Egypt's largest ..... is the river Nile.
5. The football match was abandoned because the pitch was .....
6. The heavy rain caused a ..... which washed away two bridges in the village.
7. When she lost her job she .....
8. Fans ..... out of the stadium when the match ended.
9. Flood waters can contribute to the spread of ..... diseases.
10. The stage was lit by enormous.....

## Activity 3

Use the following questions to begin a conversation with your partner.

1. What are the three main waterways in your country? How important are they for transport/tourism?
2. How often do floods happen in your country? Has the main waterway in your country ever burst its banks? What happened last time there was a flood?
3. Have you ever experienced a flood? If so, what did you do? If not, what would you do if your home was flooded?
4. Do you think floods occur more often than in the past? If so, why? Do you think flooding will become more or less of a problem in the future? Why?
5. What do you think can be done to help prevent flooding in high-risk areas of the world?
6. What can people do to reduce the risk of water-borne diseases in flooded areas?

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### **Activity 4**

Go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.

1. Which country, apart from Britain, is mentioned in the TP Homework?  
a) Belgium b) The Netherlands c) Denmark
2. What happened in 1974, according to the TP Homework?
3. Who officially opened the Thames Barrier?  
a) The Queen b) Princess Diana c) The Prime Minister
4. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

### **Activity 5**

**What can be done to prevent flooding in high-risk areas of the world?**

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