

Class IX-X

Coping with Flood

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A. During Flood



A School Boy
Living in a village enables me to enjoy the serenity and peace almost throughout the year. My favourite season is the rainy season. Although some people find this season miserable because of flood, I enjoy my time through various interesting activities. As I cannot play in the playground, I make rafts with my friends and go for collecting water-lilies or catching fish. Some other activities include swimming competition and diving in the water from tree tops. I do not need to go to school as the school is used as the Flood Shelter where sometimes I work as a relief volunteer.



A Mother
Flood makes my daily tasks really difficult. I take extra care of everyone as water-borne diseases may break out in an epidemic form. At this time my biggest concern is to ensure that my children are safe and away from flood water. I solely depend on the vegetables that we grow on our thatched roof and as a result there is less variety in cooking.



A Farmer
As the farmlands go under water, during flood I am busy with works that are available only then. I raise the platforms above water-level to protect my family and the cattle. I store seeds in a safe place so that I can sow them immediately after the water recedes. I work as a temporary boatman and ferry people to different places. Sometimes I catch fish for my family and at other times I help my wife.



A Teacher
I can be the best help to people during natural calamities like flood. When the monsoon comes, I make people aware of the precautionary steps they should take before flood. During flood I organize relief work where my students volunteer in distributing dry food, safe drinking water, medicines, etc.

Complete the following dialogue:



Flood is not all about negative things. It has some positive sides too. What do you think can be some of the positive sides?



I think.....

C.

Health Tips

- Keep a good stock of oral saline.
- Do not walk through flooded areas as it may cause skin diseases.
- Do not drink water from tube-wells during flood.
- Sprinkle carbolic acid around your house to drive away snakes and other poisonous creatures.
- Wash your hands with soap before taking any food.

Dear learners, think of some more health tips that can be effective for the flood affected people and write them in the space below:

a)
b)

D.

Write a letter to a friend living in a low-lying area where flood hits almost every year. Give him some useful instructions on how to deal with the post flood situation. Some clues are given below for your help.

Clues: boil and distill water, clean the surroundings, bleaching powder, ensure safety before reoccupying house, broken electrical wires, rescue efforts, sowing seeds.

B.

Pre-flood Preparation:

Match column I with column II

Column I	Column II
1. Learn about the flood warning system in your community and ensure	a) for drinking as it is safe.
2. Keep useful things such as	b) above expected water levels.
3. Keep a portable transistor radio and a torchlight	c) matchboxes, candles, soap, stove, timber, ropes, first aid kit, essential medicine, dry food and portable drinking water, etc. at hand.
4. Keep livestock and their fodder	d) before the flood water reaches the plugs.
5. Plan where to take shelter	e) that your family knows the warnings.
6. Keep your electric switches off	f) with spare batteries.
7. Store rain water	g) in case you have to leave your house.

Learning Objectives:

- Writing dialogue
- Giving instructions
- Writing a letter
- Compare and contrast

E.

Compare these two pictures and write the similarities and the dissimilarities using comparative adjectives. The first ones are done for you.



Similarities:

- a) Flood causes sufferings to the people of villages and cities alike.
b)
c)
d)

Dissimilarities:

- a) Flood in the villages lasts longer than that in the cities.
b)
c)
d)

NO MOBILE PHONE WHILE DRIVING

Road accidents occur frequently when distracted.
Talking over cell phone or texting while driving causes distraction and thus invites accident.
Never use mobile phone while driving.

