

Flood

This task is about locating details, then putting them together to find the main idea of a text.

Read "Flood", from pages 10 to 15 in School Journal Part 2, Number 2, 2004.

In this recount, there are lots of details about:

1. **Floods can happen without warning.**
2. **Floods can be frightening and dangerous.**
3. **Floods can cause serious damage to people's property and belongings.**

a) First, find details in the text that are about:

"Floods can happen without warning."

Quote, or give a brief description of the details. Quote means to state what was written in the text, exactly as it was written. We use quote marks "" to show that we have taken writing from a text.

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b) Second, find details in the text that are about:

"Floods can be frightening and dangerous."

Quote, or give a brief description of the details:

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c) Third, find details in the text that are about:

"Floods can cause serious damage to people's property and belongings."

Quote, or give a brief description of the details:

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d) Finally, think about the three groups of details together to decide which of the ideas below is the main idea of the text. (*Select one*)

- Floods can wreck people's houses in only a few minutes. I get scared when I hear really heavy rain on the roof.
- Flood damage costs the country millions of dollars each year and can be very frightening.
- Floods can happen quickly, they're scary, and they make a real mess.
- Water levels can rise so quickly that people don't have time to pack their belongings.

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