

## A Life-Saving Cow

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

Six consecutive days of spring rain had created a **raging river** running by Nancy Brown's farm. As she tried to **herd** her cows to higher ground, she **slipped** and hit her head on a fallen tree trunk. The fall **knocked her out** for a moment or two. When she **came to**, **Lizzie**, one of her oldest and favourite cows, was licking her face. The water was **rising**. Nancy got up and began walking slowly with Lizzie. The water was now **waist high**. Nancy's **pace** got slower and slower.

Finally, all she could do was to throw her arm around Lizzie's neck and try to **hang on**. About twenty minutes later, Lizzie managed to successfully pull herself and Nancy out of the **raging water** and onto a bit of **high land**, a small island now in the middle of acres of **white water**.

Even though it was about noon, the sky was so dark and the rain and lightning so bad that it took rescuers another two hours to discover Nancy. A helicopter lowered a paramedic, who attached Nancy to **life-support hoist**. They raised her into the helicopter and took her to the school gym, where the Red Cross had **set up an emergency shelter**. When the **flood subsided** two days later, Nancy immediately went back to the "island." Lizzie was gone. She was one of nineteen cows that Nancy lost. "I owe my life to her," said Nancy **sobbingly**.

I. Directions: Go to Google and find the definition for the yellow words. (18 points)

1. **raging river**
2. **herd**
3. **slipped**
4. **knocked her out**
5. **came to**
6. **rising**
7. **waist high**
8. **pace**
9. **hang on**

- 10.raging water
- 11.onto
- 12.high land
- 13.white water
- 14.life-support hoist
- 15.set up
- 16.shelter
- 17.flood subsided
- 18.sobbingly

**II. Directions: Answer the following questions. (7 points)**

1. What did the rain create?
2. What happened when Nancy Brown tried to herd her cows to higher ground?
3. Who was Lizzie?
4. What did Lizzie manage successfully?
5. How did the rescuers take Nancy Brown to the emergency shelter?
6. Did Nancy find Lizzie?
7. What did Nancy say sobbingly about Lizzie?