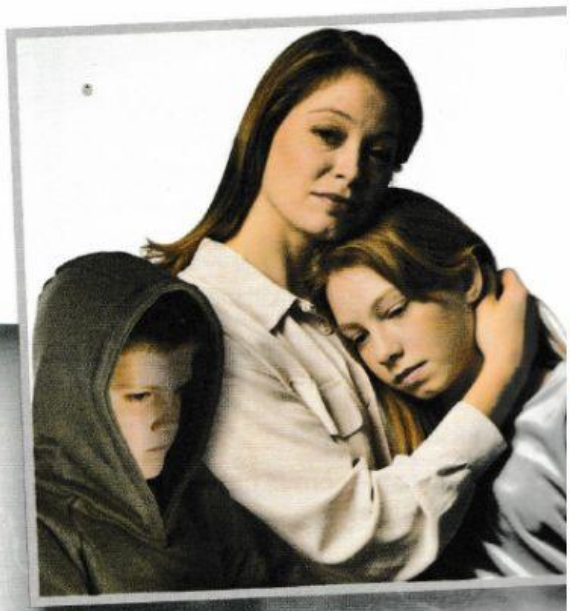
Lesson 3 In Deep Water

Reading • Anecdote

a **Look at the text and the pictures and answer the questions.**

1. What do you think the text is about?
2. Why do you think the people look worried?
3. Do similar situations happen in your country? When and where?

b **Read and check your answers.**



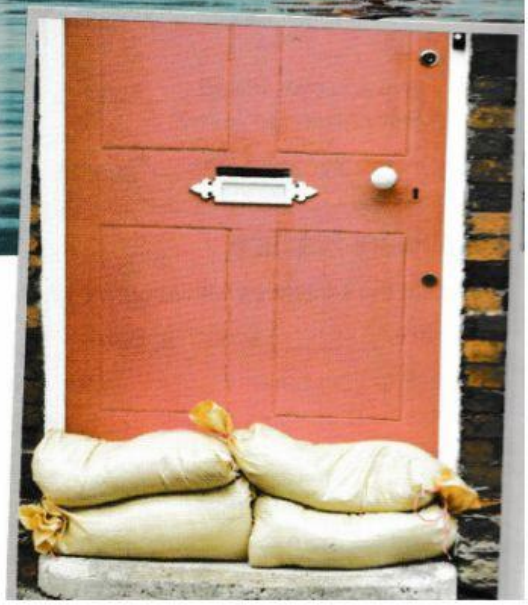
It happened one night when we lived in a house by a river. I was only fourteen years old. My dad is a train driver and he was working that night. So my Mom, my brother Joe, and I were alone.

The weather was terrible and Mom was worried. The storm started at about six o'clock. There was thunder and lightning, and a strong wind was blowing. At about seven, I felt hungry. So I went into the kitchen to make a sandwich. Suddenly, I noticed water all over the floor. It was coming in under the door. I looked out the window and I saw that it was raining heavily and there was water everywhere.

"Mom!" I shouted. "Water is coming in under the door!" My Mom and Joe ran into the kitchen. "Quick Beth!" Mom said, "We must do something."

Joe ran upstairs and got some towels. We put them in front of the door. We wanted to stop the water, but it was raining so heavily that soon there was water all around us. We decided to go upstairs and wait there until the rain stopped. At about midnight, Dad arrived home. He came upstairs and said that there was water in the kitchen, the hall, and the living room. He also said that the water outside was quite deep. A lot of people with houses near the river had the same problem.

It rained all through the night. Luckily, the next morning, we saw that the house wasn't too badly damaged. We don't live by the river now. We moved to a house at the top of a hill! It's safer!



Comprehension Check

Mark the sentences *T* (true) or *F* (false).

1. Beth and her mom were alone when the storm started. ____
2. Beth wanted something to eat at about seven o'clock. ____
3. The towels didn't stop the water coming under the door. ____
4. Beth's father arrived home the next morning. ____

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