

# FLASH FLOODS

Eleven year old Kanokwan Joentoenboon usually cycles to school. But today, she walked, holding her backpack above her head, with water up to her waist. This weekend's flash floods have made life very difficult for people in Southern Thailand. Flash floods happen after storms in low-lying areas. Heavy rain started in the south of the country on Saturday night and has not stopped. The weather has affected many towns. Some have no electricity. Shops are shut. Houses have collapsed and more than 20 people have gone to hospital. Farmer Somsak Ornlamai told us, "This is the worst rain I've ever seen. My sister was trapped in her flat! A neighbor rescued her. These floods are terrible for farmers like me, because they **destroyed** my corn. How will I make money now? Weather experts say the storm will probably continue for another 12 hours. The government's advice is not to make unnecessary journeys. People should also check on their friends and neighbors if they can."



## Reading Comprehension

Read the questions carefully and choose the right answer.

1. The water came up to Kanokwan's .....

- a. feet.
- b. waist
- c. head.
- d. shoulders.

2. Flash floods could happen in ..... areas.

- a. mid-lying.
- b. high-lying.
- c. low-lying.
- d. fair-lying.

3. Some shops ..... because of the weather.

- a. are shut.
- b. are open.
- c. like to open.
- d. don't like to close.

4. Somsak's sister ..... in her flat.

- a. was destroyed.
- b. was trapped.
- c. has collapsed.
- d. was hungry.

## 5. What is Somsak's work?

- a. He is an engineer.
- b. He is a student.
- c. He is a nurse.
- d. He is a farmer.

## 6. How old is Kanokwan?

- a. She's 10 years old.
- b. She's 12 years old.
- c. She's 9 years old.
- d. She's 11 years old.

7. The floods are ..... for farmers because they destroy their corns.

- a. helpful.
- b. terrible.
- c. nice.
- d. great.

8. Weather ..... think that there will be more rain.

- a. experts.
- b. condition.
- c. in Thailand.
- d. advice.

Match the beginning of the sentences with the correct endings. Write the correct letters.

- 1 Kanokwan usually .....
- 2 Today, Kanokwan .....
- 3 The floods began .....
- 4 Weather experts said that .....
- 5 The bad weather .....
- 6 People shouldn't .....
- 7 Houses have .....
- 8 The government advice not to .....
- 9 Somsak is worried .....
- 10 A neighbor rescued .....
- 11 The floods are terrible because.....
- 12 Somsak's sister was trapped .....
- 13 Flash floods made the .....
- 14 People should check on their .....
- 15 Flash floods happen after .....

- A** collapsed.
- B** inside her flat.
- C** travel if they don't have to.
- D** two days ago.
- E** lives of the people difficult.
- F** come to school on foot.
- G** the storm will continue for 12 hours.
- H** about his business.
- I** goes to school by bike.
- J** their friends during storms.
- K** hasn't finished yet.
- L** make unnecessary journeys.
- M** storms.
- N** Somsak's sister.
- O** it destroyed the farmers' corns.

# Amazing!!!!