

A. Read the passage.

Floods happen after or during heavy rainfall. This **excess** of water can damage peoples' **property**, damage roads and even wash cars away.

Flooding can be very dangerous to people. If flooding happens quickly without warning, people can sometimes become **stranded** and have no way of escape. They have to be rescued from their rooftops or even from car roofs. A **severe** weather warning helps prepare people for heavy rain and flooding.



People try to protect their properties using **sandbags** stacked up against their doors to prevent water coming into their homes.

Rivers can sometimes **overflow** so people living in low lying areas or near rivers are more at risk from flooding. Often if heavy rain is **forecast** these areas are **evacuated** before the floods arrive.

Some scientists say that because of global warming, we will suffer more heavy rainfall and floods.

B. Match the vocabulary to their correct definition.

Vocabulary	Definition
1. excess	unable to move from somewhere
2. property	covered or filled with a large amount of things
3. stranded	to leave or to empty of people for safety reasons
4. severe	to flood over
5. stacked	likely to happen in the future
6. overflow	a piece of land or building
7. forecast	more than usual amount
8. evacuated	very bad

C. Answer these questions.

1. What can heavy rainfall cause?

2. Do floods usually occur in lowlands or highlands?

3. Describe how floods can be dangerous to people.

4. What can happen to rivers during a flood?

5. What do some scientists say is causing more floods?

6. What are sandbags used for?

7. What can help people prepare for heavy rain?

D. Choose any 4 words from the vocabulary column in Activity A and create your own sentences with them.

E.g. **excess** = I have **excess** newspaper at my house so I am going to recycle them.

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2. _____

3. _____

4. _____