

The Flood

After the storm, Neil stood on the riverbank with his grandfather and stared at the brown river rushing past. After all the rainfall, the river was in danger of overflowing and running through the streets.

Neil heard the rescue worker make a call on her phone. "The water is still rising," she said. "I think the river is going to flood."

"I remember the flood of 1987 that covered the village. We should get busy," said Granddad with a smile and a shake of his head. "We need to be ready. We don't want water to cover the whole ground floor of my house."

"Sure, Granddad," said Neil. "What's the plan?"

**A Read and choose.**

- 1 In the story, the storm ...
a. is coming. b. is finished. c. is blowing.
- 2 What caused the river to rise?
a. rainfall b. a flood c. a dam breaking
- 3 "Overflowing and running through the streets" means ...
a. the river will run. b. the river will move slowly. c. the river will flood the town.
- 4 Why do you think the rescue worker is in the village?
a. She lives there. b. She is worried there will be a flood. c. She is Granddad's friend.
- 5 In the picture, Granddad looks ...
a. worried. b. positive. c. unhappy.
- 6 What do you think Granddad's plan is?
a. Prepare for the flood. b. Leave the village. c. Call the rescue worker.