Read the text and fill in the gaps 1-12 with a word which best fits.

Flood: Stay alert!

Always be prepared:

- Have a disaster plan – decide **1)** ..... you will go and what you will do if there is a flood.
- Prepare an emergency kit – pack a bag with important items such **2)** ..... bottled water, tinned food, a torch, a portable radio and protective clothing (a raincoat, rubber boots and waterproof gloves).
- Build flood defences outside **3)** ..... home – flood barriers and walls can protect your home from floodwaters.

Before a flood:

- Turn **4)** ..... the electricity and water supplies.
- Move important furniture and items to the top floor of your home.
- Use sandbags to prevent water **5)** ..... entering your home.
- Arrange for any livestock to be moved to high ground.

During a flood:

- Wear protective clothing and get your emergency kit.
- Evacuate the house if necessary and move **6)** ..... high ground.
- Listen to the weather forecast using a radio. There will be frequent flood updates and advice on **7)** ..... to do next.
- Don't walk through moving water. Even shallow moving water **8)** ..... cause you to fall and carry you away.
- Avoid already flooded areas.
- Don't use cars in flooded areas – they can be swept away by floodwaters. If you are in a car and encounter a flash flood, get **9)** ..... and move to high ground.

After a flood:

- Don't return to your home until the authorities say it is safe **10)** ..... do so.
- Clean all items that got wet in the flood.
- Ensure all electrical equipment has dried and an electrician has checked it **11)** ..... using it.
- Boil tap water before drinking **12)** ..... .