1 Match these words (a–f) to the pairs of literal and more metaphorical meanings (1–6).

a) blow
b) flood
c) fuel
d) grass roots
e) offensive
f) track

1 • planned military attack
• planned set of actions in opposition to something

2 • part of grass that grows under the ground
• ordinary people in society or an organisation

3 • large amount of water that covers an area that is usually dry
• very large number

4 • a hard hit
• action or event that causes a bad effect for someone

5 • substance that can be burned to produce heat or energy
• make something bad, increase or become stronger

6 • two metal lines along which trains travel
• direction in which a person or thing moves or might develop

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