

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	A	collapsed.
	2 Today, Kanokwan	B	inside her flat.
	3 The floods began	C	travel if they don't have to.
	4 Weather experts said that	D	two days ago.
	5 The bad weather	E	lives of the people difficult.
	6 People shouldn't	F	come to school on foot.
	7 Houses have	G	the storm will continue for 12 hours.
	8 The government advice not to	H	about his business.
	9 Somsak is worried	I	goes to school by bike.
	10 A neighbor rescued	J	their friends during storms.
	11 The floods are terrible because.....	K	hasn't finished yet.
	12 Somsak's sister was trapped	L	make unnecessary journeys.
	13 Flash floods made the	M	storms.
	14 People should check on their	N	Somsak's sister.
	15 Flash floods happen after	O	it destroyed the farmers' corns.

Amazing!!!!