

Unit 8 Floods (a)

1. Whole class instruction

Objective: To introduce children to the sudden and fearful nature of floods.

1.1. Go to Multimedia River>>Section 7/2

“Do you know what it is like to be in a flood? Let’s look at a number of videos to start our exploration.”

- ▶ View this and subsequent videos on screens 4 and 5. Students should make notes on what they see so that you can bring together their notes at the end.
- ▶ Discuss what it seems to be like to be walking about a flooded region.

1.3. Go to Textbook pages 34-37

“What’s the connection between people and floods?”

- ▶ Turn to page 34-35 and help to give children reasons for floods and floodplains. Notice that many people live on floodplains.
- ▶ Turn to the next pages and see how land use changes help to cause floods.

2a. Group exploration

2.1. TG photocopyables pages 80 and 82

- ▶ Print out the photocopyable and ask children to complete the questions on pages 80 and 82. These will reinforce the discussion you had on the textbook pages.



Watch videos and make notes.

Creative Topic book
Pakistan floods and
Living on a delta.

Develop the idea that
new schemes often
have consequences.

2b. Literacy activity

Go to Literacy>>River>>Unit 6 Trapped



Issue photocopies of the story

“Let’s find out what it might be like to be trapped by rapidly-rising floodwaters”.

- ▶ Give out photocopies of the story, page 3.
- ▶ Ask children to imagine themselves in that situation.
- ▶ Follow up with the rest of the literacy unit. This literacy unit relies on geography knowledge that has been gained in the previous parts of this unit.

3. Plenary session

- ▶ Get children to say what they think they have learned and present it perhaps on the whiteboard or in their own books.

4. Further work/homework

- ▶ Ask children to find out about a famous flood.
- ▶ They could look at the recent Pakistan floods using the Creative Topic book.
- ▶ They could also look at New Orleans (where the Mississippi flooded) and which was caused in part by a hurricane. The pictures for this are in the Mississippi Floods-Hurricane Picture Gallery in the River multimedia tablet.