

Teacher's Notes

The water cycle and flooding

Aims	To learn how the water cycle works and how floods are caused and prevented.
Activities	Doing a water quiz; skimming and scanning web sources; matching vocabulary with pictures and consulting an online monolingual dictionary; deducing vocabulary from context; reading information about the water cycle process and labeling a diagram of it; reading for specific information, researching and preparing a flood safety poster.
Language	Simple present, present progressive, comparative adjectives, possessions, vocabulary related to weather and climate change
To use	After Unit 5, either in class or as homework.
Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This CLIL worksheet can be given as homework or be done in class. For each activity, students can either check answers in pairs and then with the whole class, or use the Macmillan Online Dictionary to help with vocabulary if they are working at home: www.macmillandictionary.com • Ask students to do the quiz about water in exercise 1 individually, and then compare in pairs before checking answers online. • Ask students to match the words with the pictures in exercise 2 and then check their answers online. • Ask students to search for <i>water cycle</i> on the Internet and match the words with their definitions in exercise 3. • Then ask students to look at the diagram of the water cycle in exercise 4 and label it using words 1–4 from exercise 3. • Ask students to search the Internet for information about floods and circle the correct option for each sentence in exercise 5. • The project stage can be set as homework. Ask students to do some online research about flood safety, and to design a poster. Tell them to make it visually striking and to include information about what to do before, during, and after a flood. Display the posters on the wall and ask the class to vote for their favorite.

Key

Exercise 1

1 T 2 F 3 F 4 F 5 F 6 T 7 T 8 F

Exercise 2

- 1 cloud
- 2 stream
- 3 water drop
- 4 lake
- 5 plant
- 6 rain
- 7 snow
- 8 glacier
- 9 sewage
- 10 dam

Exercise 3

1 d 2 c 3 b 4 a

Exercise 4

- 1 evaporation
- 2 transpiration
- 3 condensation
- 4 precipitation

Exercise 5

1 a 2 b 3 a 4 b 5 c 6 a