

Flood!





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BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Read the title together. Point out the exclamation mark. Ask: *What happens if it rains a lot or for a long time?*
- Look at the front cover picture. Ask: *How do you think the family are feeling?*
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

About the words in this book

- Your child will probably be able to read most of the words in this book. Encourage your child to sound out and blend any challenging words, such as those below. If necessary, model the blending or read the words for your child.

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worried

canoe
thoughtful



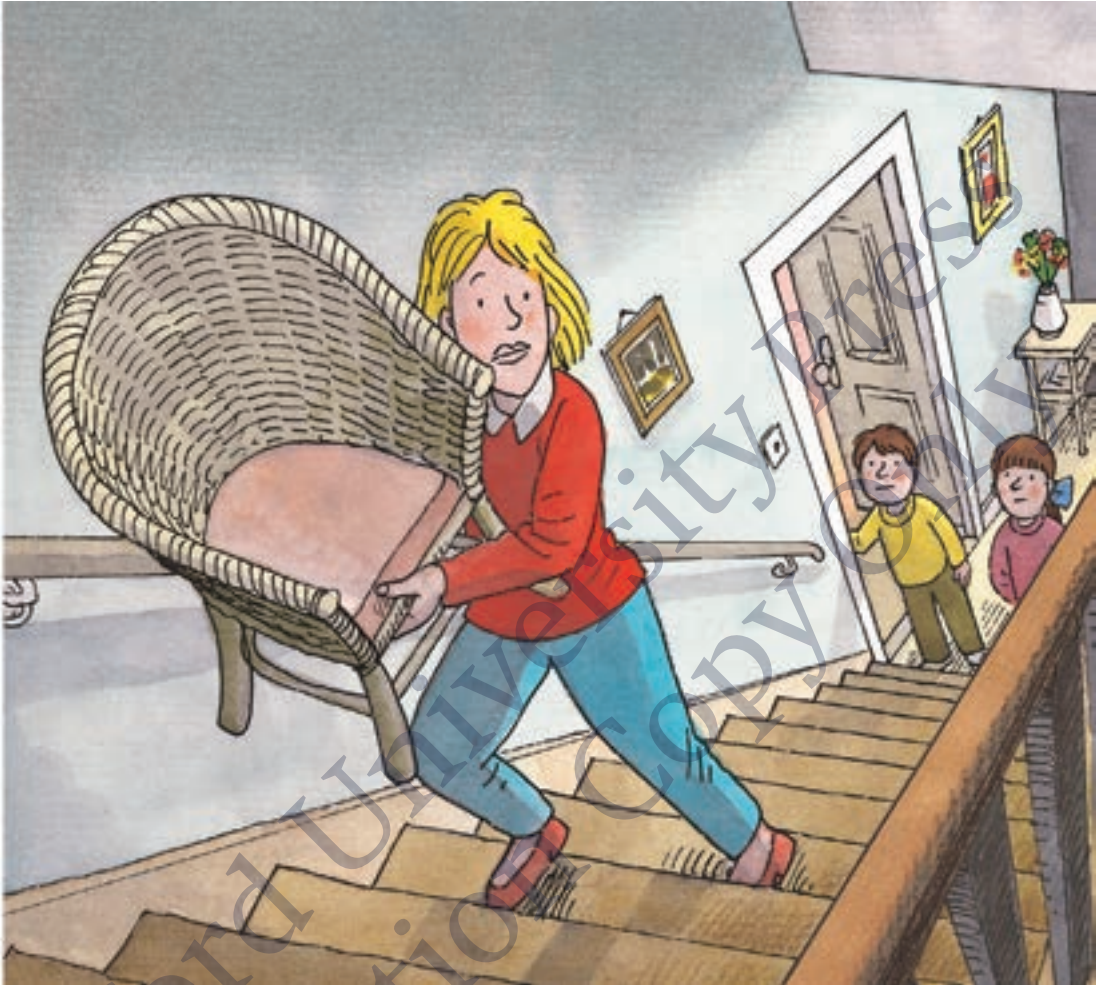
DURING READING

Enjoy the story together. If your child needs support to read the story:

- Break unfamiliar words into chunks or syllables to work them out (e.g. e-nor-mous).
- Remind your child to blend unfamiliar words from left to right.
- If a word is still too tricky, simply say the whole word for your child.
- Re-read sentences to focus on their meaning where necessary.



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for more ideas.



Mum looked upset.

“The floods may get worse,” she said. “So there’s only one thing to do.”

She picked up a chair.

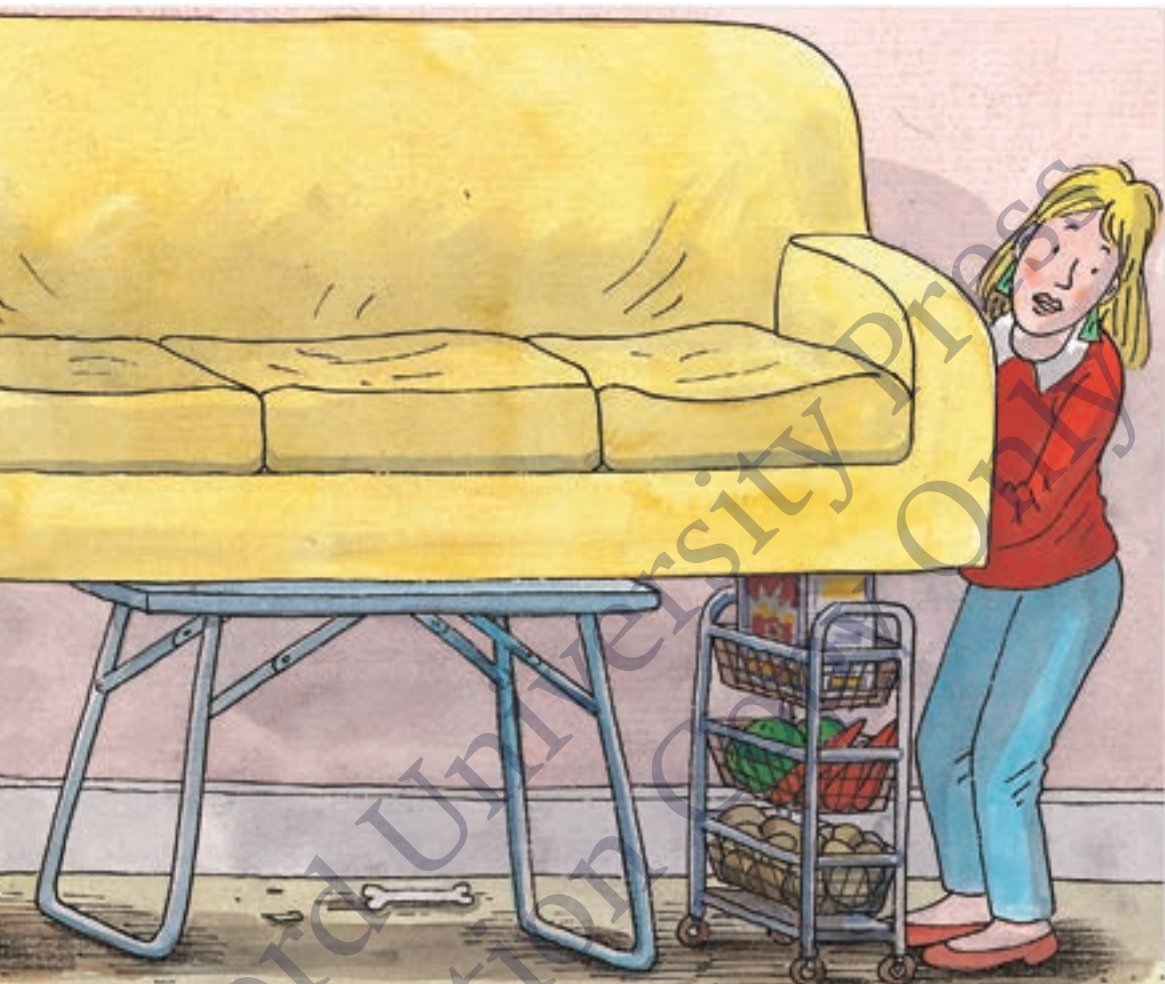
“We’ll have to take things upstairs,” said Mum.



They all began to carry things upstairs. It was hard work and Kipper began to get worried.

“What will happen if the water floods into my bedroom?” he asked.

“Don’t worry,” said Biff. “It won’t.”



Some things were too big and heavy to carry upstairs.

“What shall we do with the sofa?” asked Dad. Mum had a good idea. She got a folding table.

“We can put the sofa up on this,” she said.



It rained in the night. Dad couldn't sleep. He was too worried about the flood. Then he heard the sound of water. He went downstairs and looked.

Oh no! The flood water had come in.



Everyone woke up. The lights didn't work, so Mum lit a lamp. They all looked downstairs. The hall was full of water.

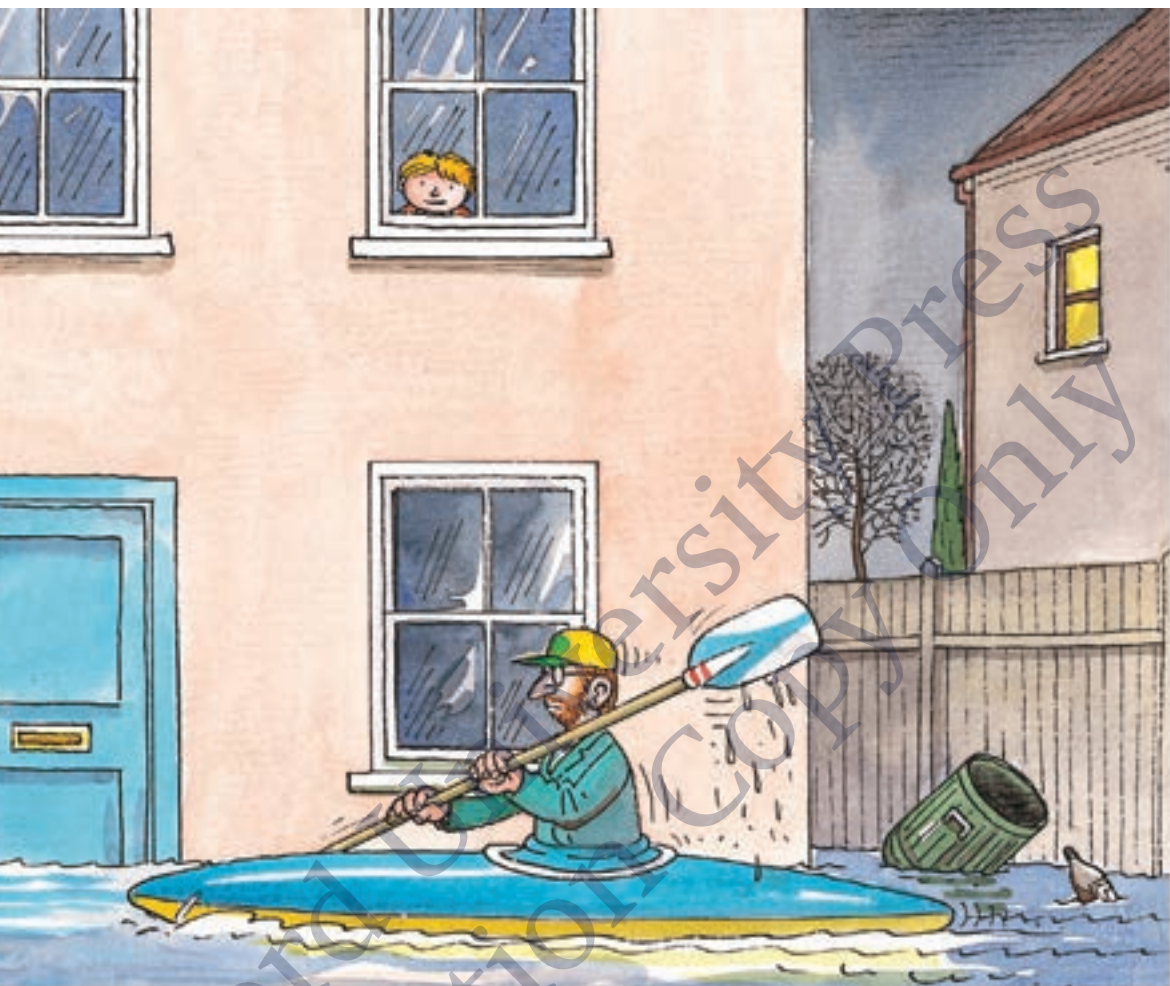
"This is terrible," said Chip. "Lots of houses must be flooded."



The next day, Biff, Chip and Kipper looked out of the window. The whole street was flooded.

“I can’t believe it,” said Kipper. “It looks like a river.”

“It’s amazing,” said Biff.



A man paddled past in a canoe. It looked funny to see a canoe in the street. The man shouted up to them.

“Are you all right?” he asked.

“Yes thank you,” Chip called back. “But we wish the flood would go away.”



Some fire officers came to the street. They wore big, long boots.

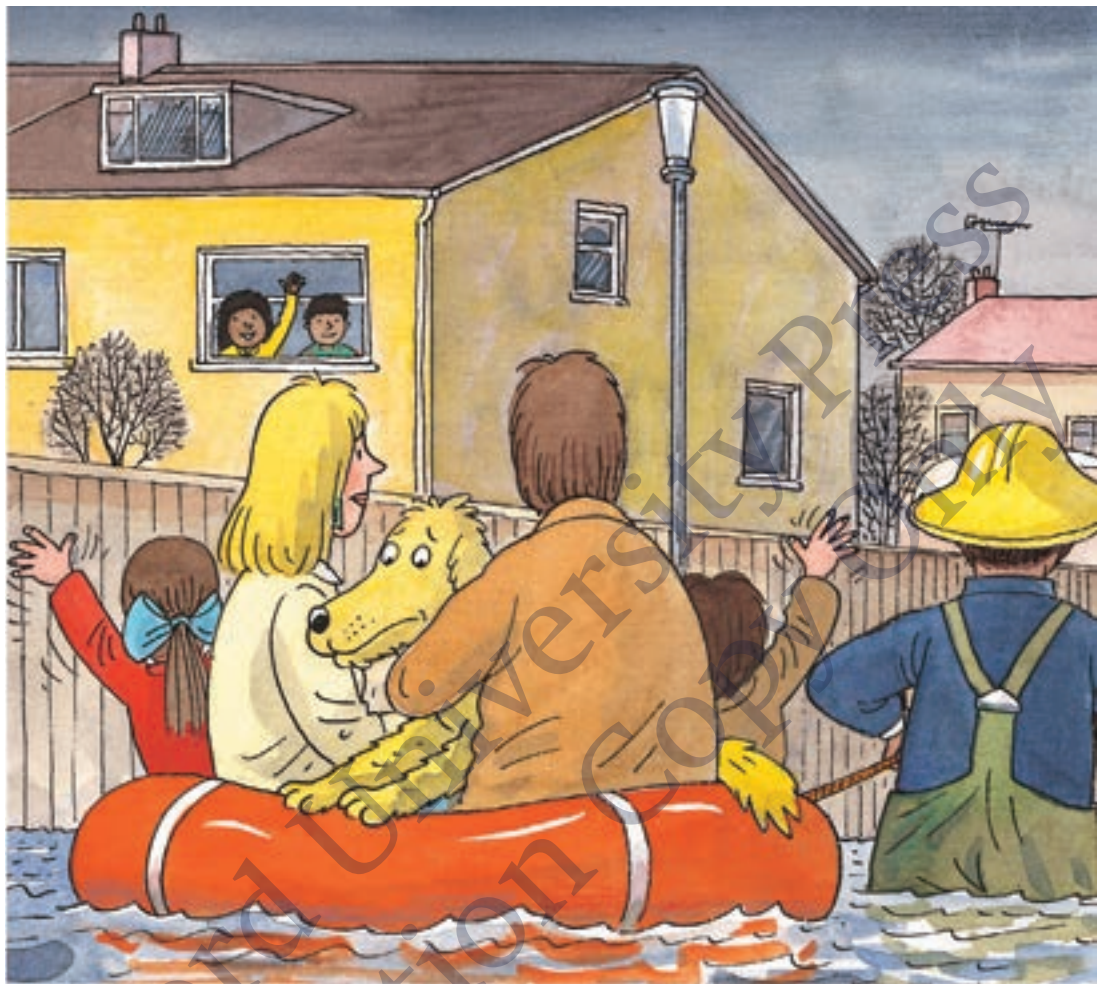
“Can we take you to somewhere warm and dry?” asked a fire officer.

“Yes please,” said Mum. “I don’t think we can stay here.”



The fire officers brought a dinghy to the front door. Everyone got in. Dad carried Floppy.

“I never thought we’d sail up our street in a boat,” said Chip.



Wilf and Wilma were in their house. They were looking out of the window. Biff, Chip and Kipper waved at them.

“You can come and rescue us, next,” called Wilma.



A cat was stuck on a fence. The fire officer stopped the dinghy. Dad rescued it and gave it to Mum. Floppy looked at the cat, but he didn't even bark.

"He is being a good dog," said Kipper.



They went to a hall in the town. A lot of people were there. Wilf and Wilma came in with their mum and dad. Biff showed Wilma the rescued cat.

“Poor little thing,” said Wilma.



“We may have to stay here tonight,” said Wilf.
“We can’t go back home to sleep.”

Kipper was upset. There were too many people in the hall. He didn’t want to sleep there.

“I want to go home,” he said.



Later in the day, Gran came to the hall.

“You can all stay with me until the flood goes down,” she said.

The children were pleased.

“It will be fun staying with Gran,” said Kipper.

“Thank you Gran.”



When the floods were over they went back home. They gasped when they saw the house. The floors were covered in mud.

“What a mess!” said Kipper. “I hate it.”



“Never mind,” said Dad. “Bad things like this happen sometimes.”

He gave the children a big hug. Then he gave them some mops and brooms.

“And what’s more important than all this mud? We are,” said Mum.

AFTER READING

- Re-read page 11. Ask: *Why was Dad worried?*
- Turn to pages 15–16. Ask: *What were the sandbags used for?*
- Look at page 32. Ask: *Do you think the end of the story is happy or sad? Why?*
- Talk about what the family will need to do to get things back to normal.

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