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Driving in Floodwater



Lesson Number: 6A - No Driving!

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P/K-3

5Es:
Elaborate

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English, Science

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In this story the key message is that driving in floodwater is dangerous. It is raining heavily and Amy is impatient as she wants to go to Jimmy's, but Trev points out that it's dangerous to drive as the road might be flooded. Amy is under the misconception that the car will protect them in the water and they can get there with no problems. But Trev explains that the floodwater can rise rapidly in this weather, and strong currents could affect the car. Mum and Dad were right not to take them. Amy agrees, and suggests they get Mum and Dad to check the radio, to see if it is safe to drive on the roads yet.

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What students will 'Know and Do':

Students will know that it is dangerous to drive in floodwater and will be able to complete the class activity.

- View the *Li'L Safety Club Natural Disasters* advertisement - **Driving in Floodwater**
- Tell students that they will need to recall the key information to complete **Student Activity Sheet 6A**. Refer to **Background Information: Rain, Storms, and Floods**.
- Students should select a word that would go in each space provided on the sheet. The word list is below the paragraph.
- Ask students to write a poem that illustrates what it is like to experience a storm and/or a flood. The poem could be in the form of a Haiku or Narrative poem or any other form. The students should incorporate at least two words from the word list into their poem.
- The poem could be illustrated and each poem and illustration from the class could be used to build a class anthology either real or virtual.

Useful resources:

- Driving in Floodwater: Why Your Car is No Match for a Flood by Rachele Oblack, About.com Guide <http://weather.about.com/od/floods/qt/tadd.htm?r=94>
- Flood safety www.floodsafety.com/national/life/vehicledanger.htm
- YouTube, video: Police car stuck in flooded water www.youtube.com/watch?v=B4UR0ZBfEc&NR=1
- *German tourist 'dummies' pulled from croc-infested creek after driving their car into the water*, by Richard Shears. Read more: www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1343742/German-tourists-pulled-croc-infested-creek-driving-car-water.html#ixzz1A7to04Yu
- Types of poems www.types-of-poetry.org.uk/
- State Emergency Service Victoria: Flood Safe www.ses.vic.gov.au/CA256AEA002F0EC7/page/FloodSafe?OpenDocument&1=65-FloodSafe~&2=~&3=~

Theme: Driving in Floodwater

Name:

Class:

Read the story below and fill in the missing words to make the sentences correct. Select the correct words from the list below.

Amy wanted to _____ to Jimmy's.

It was _____, so Trev said the road might be _____.

It is _____ to drive in floodwater.

Word List:

go

leave

flooded

hot

raining

late

dangerous