Monsoon floods in India

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Speaking

- Have you or someone you know ever experienced flood? Explain your answer.
- Have you every heard about flood on television? Explain what you have heard.
- How hard is it to have such an experience? Explain your answer.

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READING

3 Read this newspaper report about devastating floods in India. How has the country been affected?

COMPREHENSION

4 Read the text again and answer the questions.

1 What caused the flooding? The torrential downpours of the annual monsoon rains caused the flooding.
2 Which area of the country is having the worst flooding right now?
3 What was closed for a few days, and why?
4 What caused the landslides?
5 What is the danger that the flood victims are now facing?
6 Who are the helicopters and boats rescuing?
7 When does the monsoon season occur in India?
8 Will there be heavy rain everywhere in the next few days?



Summarize the text.

Monsoon floods in India bring devastation

Floods in India have devastated large areas of the country this year. The torrential downpours of the annual monsoon rains caused the flooding that has killed hundreds of people and stranded thousands of others. The southern regions of Bihar and Tamil Nadu are suffering the most right now.

The flood waters have washed away huge areas of crops, submerged villages, and destroyed roads and rail links. The airport at Chennai was closed for a few days because the runways were under water, and bridges in the area have been washed away. The heavy rains also triggered landslides. "We have lost everything," one woman said. "Our houses, our family, our cattle, and our crops." For the people whose homes have disappeared, there is now the very real danger of disease.

The authorities who are dealing with the rescue operation are using helicopters and boats to reach thousands of people who are trying to escape the rising waters.

The monsoon season in India usually runs from June through September. The weather forecast for the next few days is mixed. In some areas, the rainfall will decrease. This will help the rescue effort. In other areas there will probably be more of the heavy downpours that have already brought such destruction.



Speaking

- Based on the text, what do you think about living in India? Explain your answer.
- Do you think you will be able to tolerate the annual downpours? Explain your answer.

Analyze the text.

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5 What do you think of when you hear or see these words? Discuss your ideas with a partner.

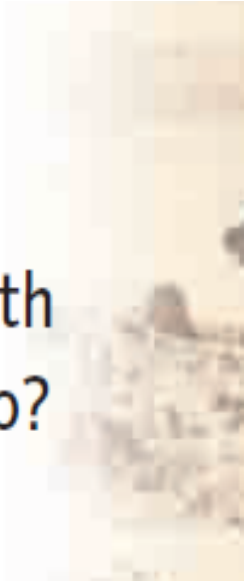
sun **rain** **wind** **cloud** **ice** **floods** **drought**

When I hear or see the word "ice," I think of white snow and polar bears.

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SPEAKING

6 Imagine you are living in Australia. There is a very bad drought, and no rain has fallen for many weeks. The earth is turning to dust, and crops are dying. What can you do? Discuss your ideas with a partner and write notes.



7 Read these sentences about the drought in Australia.
With your partner, think of more sentences to add to the list.

- It's the worst drought in one hundred years. There isn't much water available.
- Crops can't grow. Farmers have lost a lot of money.
- There was some rain last week. It hasn't had a big effect.
- Two million people live in the area. Luckily, they have enough to drink.
- Forests are becoming very dry.

Writing strat

Homework

Prepare a presentation and talk about the topic below.

Choose one of the following types of climates to research. Which country has this kind of climate?

tropical **monsoon** **cool temperate**
warm temperate **desert**
mountain **tundra** **polar**

Take notes about the weather in the country you are going to research.

- How many different seasons are there?
- What is the weather like in each season?
- What crops do people grow there?
- How have people and animals adapted to the climate?