



FLOOD DISASTER - CHARACTER CARDS

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Imran (example – to be demonstrated by teacher)

You are 11 years old. When it had been raining for several days you were suddenly sent home from school because the teacher said that the school wasn't safe anymore. You started to walk home towards your village with your friends, but as you approached the village you were stopped by policemen who told you that it was too dangerous to enter the village because so many houses had collapsed in the rain. You had to turn back to the school, but when you arrived it was closed. Very upset and worried about your parents, you have set up a little temporary home with some friends in one of the sheds in the school grounds. Some people who live nearby have given you a little food but it is starting to run out.

Hana

You are a mother of 3 young children. Your home is in a safe area so you have been able to stay there with your children, but you are struggling to look after them. Your husband works away and can't make it back because the roads are closed or destroyed. You are starting to run out of supplies, and now spend your whole days walking to nearby villages to try to buy food, but nearly everything is sold out. You are a teacher at a local school which had to close because of the floods, and you worry about the children you used to teach there.

Mr Lawson

You are a UK businessman who have seen the TV images from Pakistan and want to do something to help. Your idea is to try to get your friends and family to donate 1000 t-shirts which you can then give to an aid organisation to distribute in areas affected by the earthquake.

Mr Khan

You are a business man who run a big departure store in an area that is safe from the floods. However, because of the floods you don't have any costumers to your department store anymore, which means you are about to go bankrupt. You have a big family of 6 children to support, and you worry that you will all end up on the street as you can't pay the rent anymore. You have started to give some goods from the store (like pots and pans from the kitchenware department) away to those who need it, but if it continues like this you will be one of those people in need yourself.

Amna

You work for a local independent aid organisation and your offices are in a safe area. You are very frustrated as you have many members of staff and volunteers who would love to help those affected by the floods, but you don't have any money to buy the goods people need. At the moment you're all just sitting in the office wishing you could do more.

Mr Pates, SOS Children's Villages UK.

You are the CEO for SOS Children UK, which raises money to run the SOS Children's Villages in Pakistan as well as in other countries around the world. The Children's Villages are places where children without parents are given new homes and families with SOS Mothers. Your supporters and donors are very generous, in fact so generous you have more money than is needed to ensure the SOS Children's Villages in Pakistan are safe. You would like to use the rest of the money to help those affected by the earthquake, but you simply don't have enough of your own staff in Pakistan to distribute help in an appropriate way.