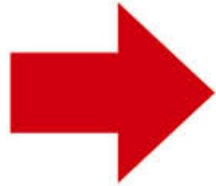




Are You Ready?

Listen to me.



Eyes on me.



FAST READING

Classic English Junior Level 6 - Unit 13 Wonders

Lesson

6

Floods in Venice

Lesson Structure

1	Learning Objective
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You are going to read an article called “Floods in Venice”.

In the article you will learn:



Genre

Newspaper article



Key Words and Phrase

flood, unique, low-lying, thanks to, frequency, elevate, barefoot, canal

Warm-up

02:00

What do you know about **Venice**?



What problems do you think Venice may be facing?



Let's Go!



Reading Preparation—Vocabulary

02:00

Learn and say.

**flood** *n*

The heavy rain caused **floods** in the city.

**u•nique** *adj*

The koala is **unique** to Australia.

Use a **key word** to make a sentence:

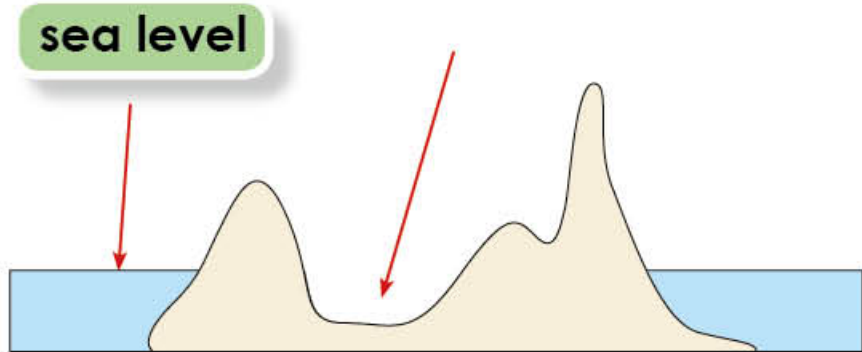
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Learn and say.



low-lying *adj*



In the **low-lying** areas, people are more likely to suffer from floods.



thanks to



Some ski resorts opened early, **thanks to** early October snow.

Use a **key word** or a **phrase** to make a sentence:

Reading Preparation—Vocabulary

02:00

Learn and say.



fre•quen•cy *n*



The **frequency** of high water has increased in Venice in the last century.



el•e•vate *v*



The firemen had to **elevate** the ladder to climb onto higher places to save people.

Use a **key word** to ask a question:

Reading Preparation—Vocabulary

02:00

Learn and say.



bare•foot *adv*



The boy walks **barefoot** on the ground.



ca•nal *n*



This **canal** is usually full of water this time of year.

Explain a **key word** with your own words:



Let's Read!



[illegible]

- A** Column
- B** Subheading

It is called ... in a newspaper.



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Floods in Venice

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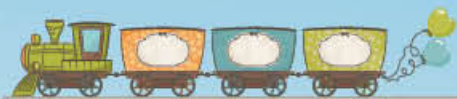
When we think of floods, what comes to our minds most often is likely to be flooded cars and streets, closed schools, factories shut down, or people left homeless.

But flooding in one city could be a natural wonder as well a **unique** experience. It is called *acqua alta* in Venice, or high water in Venice.



What is flooding in Venice called?





What causes flooding in Venice?



Winter is the time when *acqua alta* (high water) is more likely to take place.

As a **low-lying** city, or island, Venice is easily affected by water levels.

In winter, **thanks to** a combination of the tides, a strong south wind and the movement of sea waters, about half of the city is flooded.



Why is Venice easily affected by water levels?



Fast Reading

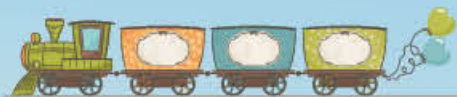
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The rising sea level has become a bigger problem than before as global warming gets more serious. The **frequency** of *acqua alta* has increased from fewer than 10 times a year to more than 60 times a year in the last century. It means you could run into a flooded Venice almost all year round.



How often has *acqua alta* taken place in Venice in the last century?





How do I get around when Venice is flooded?

You might not imagine that the area around St. Mark's Square (the main square of Venice) is the lowest of the island. Therefore, it's the first to get flooded.

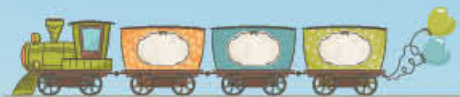
If you must pass through the flooded area, use the walkways.



They are built specially for locals and tourists during high water time and are **elevated** above the water. Also remember, even in high water, almost half of the island is still dry. So go and visit the other half!



Which place is the first to get flooded?



Any other tips for traveling around flooded Venice?

Though it seems a great opportunity for you to take unique photos in the water, it could be unsafe. So please keep these tips in mind.

Firstly, don't go **barefoot**. There could be garbage as well as bacteria in the water.

Secondly, be careful when walking on flooded sidewalks next to **canals**, because it's hard to see the edges between the land and the canal. Thus you might fall in and get soaked.



What should you pay attention to if you walk in Venice during high water time?



Wrap-up

02:00

I Can Do It

Today we read a newspaper article about floods in Venice.

Genre

A feature of a newspaper article:

- Column

Key Words and Phrase

- flood
- unique
- low-lying
- thanks to
- frequency
- elevate
- barefoot
- canal



See You Soon!

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