

## Words and Images - Vocabulary

1. Read the first section of the article titled *Australian 'Floods'*.
  - As you read use a highlighter pen to mark any words or phrases you do not understand. Do NOT stop and look them up in the dictionary during your first reading of the text.
2. Using just two or three sentences, summarize what this section of the article is about.

3. How well do you think you understood this section of the article?

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not at all      a little      I got about half      pretty well      completely

4. What helped you to understand it?

5. What caused difficulties with understanding?

## Vocabulary Focus

The following vocabulary words come from the first, section of the reading *Words and Images*.

Work with a small group and find out the meanings of a selection of these words. Your teacher will tell you which words to focus on. You may use your first language dictionaries to get a translation, but in order to demonstrate understanding you will also be required to provide one of the following:

- an English definition
- an example
- an association
- a synonym or antonym
- a demonstration
- an explanation of the origin of the word or phrase
- a description of a situation where the word would be used

### Paragraph 1

1. flood – English definition
2. concentration camp – translation + example
3. halal – translation + who and what
4. vegetarian – English definition
5. detention centre – translation + example

### Paragraph 2

4. cram – translation + demonstration
5. pejorative associations – translation + example
6. myths – English definition + example
7. distortions - English definition + example

### Paragraph 3

8. inhumane – break this word into its parts and try to guess the meaning
9. boat people – find an English synonym for this word - explain why this term is used
10. racist – translation + describe a situation where someone is racist
11. to shower something on someone – give an example of this that is different from the one in the text
12. atrocities – translation + example
13. worthies with a pulpit – who normally uses a pulpit? Give an example of a worthy with a pulpit.

### Paragraph 4

14. straw dummies – Find another English phrase that means the same thing + translation
15. roughing up – translation + demonstration
16. clobbering – translation + demonstration
17. detained – translation + describe a situation where this might happen
18. socialists – translation
19. anarchists - translation

- 20. unionists – check your dictionary then compare to the context and give an English definition
- 21. greens – give an example of who and what
- 22. dupes – translation + example
- 23. campaign – translation + example
- 24. agitators – translation + describe a situation

### **Paragraph 5**

- 25. amplified – translation + describe a situation
- 26. a military flavour – give an English definition + an example of another word you could use with flavour

### **Paragraph 6**

- 27. red-button issue – give an English definition + an explain the origin of this term
- 28. soaking up money – describe this situation + what other things could be 'soaked up'?
- 29. open-door policy – describe this situation + explain how is it similar to China's open door policy and how is it different?

### **Paragraph 7**

- 28. the clincher – give an example situation

### **Paragraph 8**

- 29. cascade – translation + give a synonym
- 30. documents – translation + English definition
- 31. forged papers - translation + English definition
- 32. people-smugglers – translation + example
- 33. queue-jumpers – translation + demonstration with 5 classmates
- 34. compassion – translation + find a synonym and antonym
- 35. squalid – translation + give an example
- 36. evaporates – translation + describe a situation

### **Paragraph 9**

- 37. scandalized – translation + English definition
- 38. wild generalizations – translation + give an example situation
- 39. demonize – translation + example
- 40. glibly - translation + English definition
- 41. raised eyebrows – English definition
- 42. talk-back radio (Australian English) – English definition
- 43. propagated - translation + English definition

### **Paragraph 10**

- 44. overthrow - translation + English definition + example
- 45. regimes - translation + English definition + example
- 46. sympathy - translation + example

