Vocabulary List for *Floodland*

Vocabulary from the Story

Word	Definition	Example Sentence
Flood	A large amount of water covering land	The flood destroyed many homes.
Norwich	The city where Zoe lives before the journey	Much of Norwich is underwater.
Eels Island	The island where children survive together	Zoe travels to Eels Island.
Cathedral	A large important church	The cathedral tower rises above the water.
Gondola	A long narrow boat	The children travel by gondola through flooded streets.
Orphan	A child whose parents are dead or missing	Zoe fears she may become an orphan.
Looters	People who steal during disasters	Looters searched empty buildings.
Refugees	People forced to leave their homes	Refugees travelled across the flooded land.
Island	A piece of land surrounded by water	Zoe travelled to an island.
Canal	A man-made waterway	Boats floated along the canal.
Lagoon	A small area of water separated from the sea	The children hid near the lagoon.
Refuge	A safe place	The tower became a refuge during the storm.
Survival	Staying alive in difficult conditions	Survival became Zoe's main goal.
Scarcity	A lack of something important	There was a scarcity of food and water.
Ration	A fixed amount of food or supplies	The children shared their ration carefully.
Ruins	Broken remains of buildings	The city lay in ruins after the flood.
Evacuate	To move people from danger to safety	Families had to evacuate their homes.
Desperate	Feeling hopeless or in great need	Zoe became desperate to find her parents.

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Voyage	A long journey by water	Zoe began a dangerous voyage.
Drifting	Moving slowly on water	The boat was drifting out to sea.
Peril	Serious danger	The children faced great peril.
Shelter	A safe place to stay	They searched for shelter from the rain.

Descriptive Vocabulary

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Drenched	Completely wet	The children were drenched by the rain.
Murky	Dark and unclear	The murky water hid dangerous objects.
Desolate	Empty and lonely	The flooded streets looked desolate.
Stifling	Very hot and uncomfortable	The air inside the shelter was stifling.
Fragile	Easily broken or damaged	Their fragile boat rocked in the waves.
Barren	Empty and lifeless	The barren land had no trees or crops.
Gloomy	Dark and sad	The sky looked gloomy before the storm.
Fierce	Strong and violent	Fierce winds battered the coast.

Action Words

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Scavenge	To search for useful things	The children scavenged for food.
Navigate	To find a way across water or land	Zoe tried to navigate the flooded streets.
Clamber	To climb awkwardly	The children clambered onto the roof.
Plunge	To move suddenly into water	The boat plunged into the waves.
Drift	To move slowly without control	The raft drifted across the water.

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Rescue	To save someone from danger	A fisherman came to rescue them.
Endure	To suffer through something difficult	Zoe had to endure hunger and cold.

Important Survival Vocabulary

Word	Definition	Example Sentence
Drowned	Died underwater	Many places were drowned by the flood.
Starvation	Extreme hunger from lack of food	The children worried about starvation.
Contaminated	Made unsafe or dirty	The water became contaminated.
Abandoned	Left behind	The abandoned buildings stood empty.
Raft	A simple floating platform or boat	They escaped using a raft.
Currents	Moving flows of water	Strong currents pushed the boat away.
Supplies	Food and equipment needed to survive	The group searched for supplies.
Ruined	Damaged badly	The flood ruined the city.