

GEPT Elementary Reading & Speaking Handout

Typhoon Day Safety: Getting Ready for Wind and Rain

全民英檢初級閱讀與口說講義 | Topic: typhoons, heavy rain, home safety

Teacher Notes 教學重點

- Level: GEPT Elementary / CEFR A2
- Class time: 50-90 minutes
- Skills: reading safety information, asking for help, giving advice, role-play
- SEO topic: free English handout, GEPT elementary, typhoon English, weather safety

Warm-up Questions 暖身討論

- Have you ever stayed home because of a typhoon?
- What does your family prepare before a typhoon?
- What places are dangerous during heavy rain?
- How can students help family members before or after a typhoon?

A. Vocabulary 單字解析

Word	Part	中文	Easy meaning	Example
typhoon	n.	颱風	a very strong storm with wind and rain	A typhoon may come this weekend.
warning	n.	警報；警告	information that tells people about danger	There is a typhoon warning today.
update	n./v.	最新消息；更新	new information about something	Please check the weather update.
prepare	v.	準備	to get ready for something	We should prepare before the storm.
flashlight	n.	手電筒	a small light you can carry	We need a flashlight at night.
battery	n.	電池	something that gives power to a device	Do we have extra batteries?
power outage	n.	停電	a time when electricity stops working	There was a power outage during the typhoon.
balcony	n.	陽台	a small outside area of a building	Move the flowerpots from the balcony.
drainage ditch	n.	排水溝	a small channel for water to go away	Please keep the drainage ditch clean.
flood	n./v.	淹水；洪水	too much water on the ground	Heavy rain may cause a flood.
evacuate	v.	撤離	to leave a dangerous place	People near the river may need to evacuate.
shelter	n.	避難所；安全地方	a safe place to stay	The school can be a shelter.

B. Reading 1 閱讀 | Before the Typhoon

Ming is a junior high school student in Taiwan. On Monday morning, his teacher says a typhoon may come this week. Ming does not feel worried at first. He thinks, 'It is only rain. I can still play games at home.' But after school, he sees many people buying water and food at the store.

At home, Ming's father checks the weather update on his phone. The news says the typhoon may bring strong wind and heavy rain. Ming's mother makes a simple list: drinking water, bread, fruit, medicine, batteries, and a flashlight. Ming helps charge the phones and power banks.

Then the family checks the balcony. There are two flowerpots, a small chair, and an old box outside. Dad says, 'Strong wind can blow these things away. They may hurt people.' Ming moves the flowerpots inside and puts the chair near the wall.

Before bed, Ming puts the flashlight on the table. He also puts his school bag away from the window. He learns that getting ready is not scary. It is a smart way to keep the family safe.

Reading Check

Why does Ming's family make a list?

Answer: _____

What does Ming help charge?

Answer: _____

Why should the family move things from the balcony?

Answer: _____

C. Dialog Practice 口說對話練習

Dialog 1 | Checking the Weather

Ming	Dad, is the typhoon really coming?
Dad	Maybe. Let's check the weather update.
Ming	The news says strong wind and heavy rain.
Dad	Then we should prepare tonight.
Ming	What do we need?
Dad	Water, food, a flashlight, batteries, and charged phones.

Dialog 2 | Making an Emergency Kit

Mom	Ming, can you help me make a safety box?
Ming	Sure. What should I put in it?
Mom	A flashlight, batteries, medicine, and some water.
Ming	Should I add a phone charger?
Mom	Yes, and a power bank, too.
Ming	OK. I will put the box near the door.

Dialog 3 | Cleaning the Balcony

Dad	These flowerpots may fall in strong wind.
Ming	I can move them inside.
Dad	Thank you. Please be careful.
Ming	What about this old box?
Dad	Put it inside, too.
Ming	Now the balcony looks safer.

Dialog 4 | During a Power Outage

Sister	The lights are off!
Ming	Don't worry. I have the flashlight.
Sister	Can we open the window?
Ming	No. The wind is still strong.
Sister	What should we do now?
Ming	Stay inside and listen to the news.

Dialog 5 | After Heavy Rain

Ming	Can I go outside and take pictures?
Dad	Not now. The street is flooded.
Ming	But the water does not look deep.
Dad	Flood water can be dangerous. We cannot see what is under it.
Ming	OK. I will stay home.
Dad	Good. Let's call Grandma and check on her.

D. Reading 2 閱讀 | Staying Safe at Home

The typhoon arrives on Tuesday night. The wind is loud, and the rain hits the windows. Ming wants to look outside, but his mother says, 'Stay away from the windows. Broken glass can be dangerous.' The family sits in the living room and listens to the news.

At ten o'clock, there is a power outage. The lights go off, but the family is ready. Ming takes the flashlight from the table. His sister uses a small battery light. They do not open the door because the wind is too strong.

For a short time, the wind becomes quiet. Ming says, 'Maybe the typhoon is over.' His father says, 'Not yet. Sometimes the weather looks calm in the middle of a storm. We must wait for an official message.' Ming nods and keeps listening to the update.

During the night, the family drinks water, eats simple food, and stays in the safest room. Ming feels a little nervous, but he also feels proud because everyone prepared well.

Reading Check

What happens at ten o'clock on Tuesday night?

Answer: _____

Why does Ming's father say the typhoon is not over?

Answer: _____

E. Reading 3 閱讀 | After Heavy Rain

The next morning, the rain becomes lighter, but the street near Ming's home is full of water. Ming wants to go outside and take pictures. His father stops him and says, 'Flood water is dangerous. You cannot see holes or broken things under the water.'

The news says some mountain roads are closed, and people near rivers should be careful. The teacher sends a message to the class group: 'Stay home. Do not go to rivers, beaches, or mountains today. Help your family clean only when it is safe.'

Ming helps his mother clean the balcony after the wind stops. He wears shoes and gloves. He sees leaves blocking a small drainage ditch near the building, so he tells the building guard. The guard thanks him and cleans it safely.

In the afternoon, Ming calls his grandmother. She lives alone nearby. He asks, 'Grandma, do you have water and food?' She says yes. Ming smiles. He understands that typhoon safety is not only about one person. It is also about checking news, helping family, and caring for neighbors.

Reading Check

Why is flood water dangerous?

Answer: _____

Who does Ming call after the typhoon?

Answer: _____

F. Speaking Practice 口說練習

Useful Speaking Frames

- Before a typhoon, we should _____.
- Please stay away from _____.
- It is dangerous to _____ because _____.
- If there is a power outage, I will _____.
- After heavy rain, we should not _____.

1. Pair Interview

- What do you prepare before a typhoon?
- What should people do during a power outage?
- Why is flood water dangerous?
- Who should you check on after a typhoon?

2. Role-play

Student A: You want to go outside after heavy rain. Ask your parent.

Student B: You are the parent. Explain why it is not safe and give advice.

Change roles. This time, Student A helps make an emergency kit before a typhoon.

3. Mini Presentation

In groups, make three typhoon safety rules for students. Present them in 30 seconds.

Rule 1. _____

Rule 2. _____

Rule 3. _____

G. Quiz 測驗

1. Vocabulary: A _____ is a very strong storm with wind and rain.

Answer: _____

2. Vocabulary: We need a _____ when the lights go off.

Answer: _____

3. Vocabulary: Please check the weather _____.

Answer: _____

4. Reading: Ming moves flowerpots from the _____.

Answer: _____

5. Reading: The family has a power _____ on Tuesday night.

Answer: _____

6. Reading: Ming should not walk in _____ water.

Answer: _____

7. Speaking: Ask your father what you should prepare.

Answer: _____

8. Speaking: Tell your sister to stay away from the window.

Answer: _____

9. Writing: Write one typhoon safety rule.

Answer: _____

10. Reading: Ming calls his _____ after the typhoon.

Answer: _____

H. Writing Practice 寫作練習

Write 4-5 sentences about this question:

How can your family prepare before a typhoon?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Answer Key 答案

Reading Check

Why does Ming's family make a list? - Because a typhoon may bring strong wind and heavy rain.

What does Ming help charge? - He helps charge phones and power banks.

Why should the family move things from the balcony? - Strong wind can blow them away and hurt people.

What happens at ten o'clock on Tuesday night? - There is a power outage.

Why does Ming's father say the typhoon is not over? - Because calm weather can happen in the middle of a storm.

Why is flood water dangerous? - People cannot see holes or broken things under the water.

Who does Ming call after the typhoon? - He calls his grandmother.

Quiz

1. Vocabulary: A _____ is a very strong storm with wind and rain. - typhoon
2. Vocabulary: We need a _____ when the lights go off. - flashlight
3. Vocabulary: Please check the weather _____. - update
4. Reading: Ming moves flowerpots from the _____. - balcony
5. Reading: The family has a power _____ on Tuesday night. - outage
6. Reading: Ming should not walk in _____ water. - flood
7. Speaking: Ask your father what you should prepare. - What should we prepare?
8. Speaking: Tell your sister to stay away from the window. - Please stay away from the window.
9. Writing: Write one typhoon safety rule. - Stay inside. / Check weather updates. / Do not go near rivers.
10. Reading: Ming calls his _____ after the typhoon. - grandmother

Source Notes 資料來源

Original A2 classroom material informed by Taiwan Workforce Development Agency typhoon precautions, Taiwan Central Weather Administration heavy-rain advisory descriptions, and CDC tropical-storm safety guidance.