

Before the Flood: Facilitator's Guide

3 - 5 Person Game

The Deck

- 34 *actions* cards
- 7 *situation* (current weather - forecast) cards
- 4 *time* cards

Part 1: Time Categories

1. Have all the players gather on one side of the table if possible
2. Lay out the 1 month, 5 days, 1 day, 5 minutes *time* cards from left to right
3. Tell everyone that the cards represent the time they have to prepare for a flood event
4. Give all the *action* cards to the players
5. Tell the players to work as a group to decide which *time* card each *action* card should go under
6. Have them place the *action* cards under each *time* cards so that all the cards are visible
7. When each card has been sorted, ask which cards were the hardest to decide on and which they disagreed about*

*If working with children who have never experienced flooding, go through the cards with them and encourage them to ask questions about where a card would make the most sense

Part 2: Wrap-up and Discussion

- Ask players what they learned from the game
- Review why preparing early is important
 - To know what to do to get ready for a flood
 - To know what to do during a flood