4.6 Under threat from the sea

The floods of the winter of 2013-2014 had a major impact on the country. Can you remember what happened?

Were you or where you live affected by the floods during the winter of 2013/2014? If so, write an account of what happened to you or to other people where you live. If you were not directly affected, write an account of what you saw on the TV, heard about through social media or read in the newspapers. You will find plenty of information to remind you on the internet.

4.7 How long can Happisburgh hang on?

This is about how one village is falling into the sea!

1 The boxes on the right explain why the village is falling into the sea. But they are in the wrong order! Write the correct order in the circles.

2 This diagram shows what is happening. Label:

- groyne
- revetments
- cliff
- houses at risk
- beach

3 The people whose homes are destroyed can’t get the money from insurance. Cliff falls are called ‘Acts of God’ and aren’t covered by insurance.

   a How do you think the people feel about this? Why?

   b Do you think they should get compensation? Why / why not? (Think about everyone else’s insurance premiums, the amount taxes might go up, whether it’s fair …)