FOCUS ON
ENGINEERING FOR FLOODS

1. Write a letter to a friend describing the causes of floods.

2. Do you think people should be allowed to build new homes in areas at risk of flooding? Why or why not?

3. Which of the following is an example of soft engineering?

    A. catchment
    B. levee
    C. drainpipe

4. How might erosion contribute to flooding?

    A. Erosion helps the soil soak up water.
    B. Erosion makes rivers flow faster.
    C. Erosion removes the land that would act as a barrier.

Answer Key:

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. C