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Read each passage. Underline the context clues that help you figure out the meaning of each multiple-meaning word in bold. Then write the word's meaning on the line.

1. Have you ever been in an earthquake or a tornado? These things may never happen where you live. But flooding is something that can happen in almost every **part** of the United States.

2. Not all floods are alike. Some floods happen over many days. A **flash** flood can happen in minutes. Learning about floods can help you stay safe.

3. Floods also cause damage to buildings and bridges. They can even **wash** away entire roads! This can make it hard for rescue workers to help people who are trapped by the water.

4. The water in a river rises over the river's **banks**. This might happen because storms have caused too much rain to fall.
