

Fill in and match the texts with the pictures.

"I will never forget that day. It was a beautiful day. The sun (shine) and it was really hot, almost stifling. I (stand) in the kitchen, (pile) some ice. The kids needed some fresh drinks.

All of a sudden, the sky (get) dark and the wind (start) to blow...

The gardeners (cut) the grass outside, when they (look up and freeze). What (they / look, at)? I couldn't say.

And then I (get) it... I (see) a huge tornado, not that far in the distance... It (swirl) and (roar), (swallow up) trees, cars and rooves like a horrible monster.

I (not move); I simply couldn't. I just (watch) it, shocked. It (come) closer and closer, until it suddenly (turn) leftwards and miraculously (avoid) our house.

It (fade) away, and I (start) to breathe again."

George, 43, Alabama.

"I was at home. We (watch) TV with my parents. Tobby, our dog, (sleep) soundly next to me. Suddenly, he (wake up), (jump down) onto the floor and (rush) under the coffee table. He (squeak) in terror. Then I could hear it ... and feel it... This terrible rumbling... and then I (realize) everything (shake)... Walls, furniture... One pile of books (tumble) and (fall) heavily on the ground. My little brother (scream and cry), but he (not move), paralyzed with fear... So I (take) him in my arms and we (crawl) under the dinner table. Then at last, it (stop). And everything (become) quiet... Too quiet..."

Lily, 12, San Francisco, USA.



"It was not a peaceful night... I (lie) in my bed but I couldn't sleep.

A strange noise (come) from the street.

Suddenly, somebody (bang) at the door. I (get up) and (peep out) through the window. I (recognize) two uniforms.



Why (two policemen / stand) there, in the heavy rain?

As soon as I (reach) the ground floor, I (understand) it was serious matter. I (feel) the cold water under my bare feet. It (rise) dangerously... So I (open) the door and (follow) them into the safety boat.



The street was not a street anymore. A torrent (roar) instead."

Selma, 67, New York.