Storms and strong winds

Let's read Read Maisy's story about a bad storm.

My worst experience

Big black clouds had gathered throughout the day. Dad listened to the news on the radio which kept warning us about strong winds and pouring rain. The police came to see that we were well and told us what to do in a storm.

Dad put his torchlight, a portable radio and our personal documents into a plastic bag. Mom packed clothes for two days for each of us into a bag. Granny put her pills into a little bag she kept around her waist. We filled water bottles we could carry.

Dad chopped down a big branch of a tree that was hanging over our house. We closed the windows and Dad stuck sticky tape on the glass windows and even nailed planks over them.

As it got darker it started raining more heavily. The wind roared louder and louder. Just as the water started rushing past our front door, municipal



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workers brought us sandbags and black bags to use as raincoats.

We were terrified. The roof rattled and water leaked in all over. Every few minutes, something crashed down on the roof.

There was a loud ripping sound and an ear-splitting bang. Our house had no roof anymore!

We pulled the black bags over our heads and ran from the house. We had to duck as things were being blown around us. The sky was lit up by flashes of lightning. We raced through the mud to the community centre. Many other people were already there.

The next morning, we saw how much damage the storm had caused. Our chickens were nowhere to be seen, and the poor cow had run away.

The storm was a terrible disaster and caused damage in many neighbouring towns. We were lucky to be alive.



Let's do Role play this story.

The following words describe different kinds of storms:

Hurricane: a very strong wind that causes serious damage
Cyclone: winds turning around a centre part that is quiet and still
Tornado: a violent whirlwind over a small area

Which of these storms do you think hit the family?
What did the family do to protect themselves before the storm?

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