

Survival story

I can understand a survival story.

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- 1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs below.
 approach head land reach spin take off
- 1 A snow storm was _____, so we went inside.
 - 2 The plane _____ from London at 9 a.m. yesterday and _____ in Paris an hour later.
 - 3 It was very late when we _____ Oxford.
 - 4 The plane was _____ towards Australia when it disappeared.
 - 5 The helicopter began to _____ out of control.

2 Read the text, ignoring the gaps. Answer the questions.

- 1 What kind of natural disaster did Diana and Pete experience?

- 2 Where were they when they realised there was a problem?

- 3 Where was Monica?

- 4 In which room did Monica and Diana hide?

- 5 Where did Pete hide?

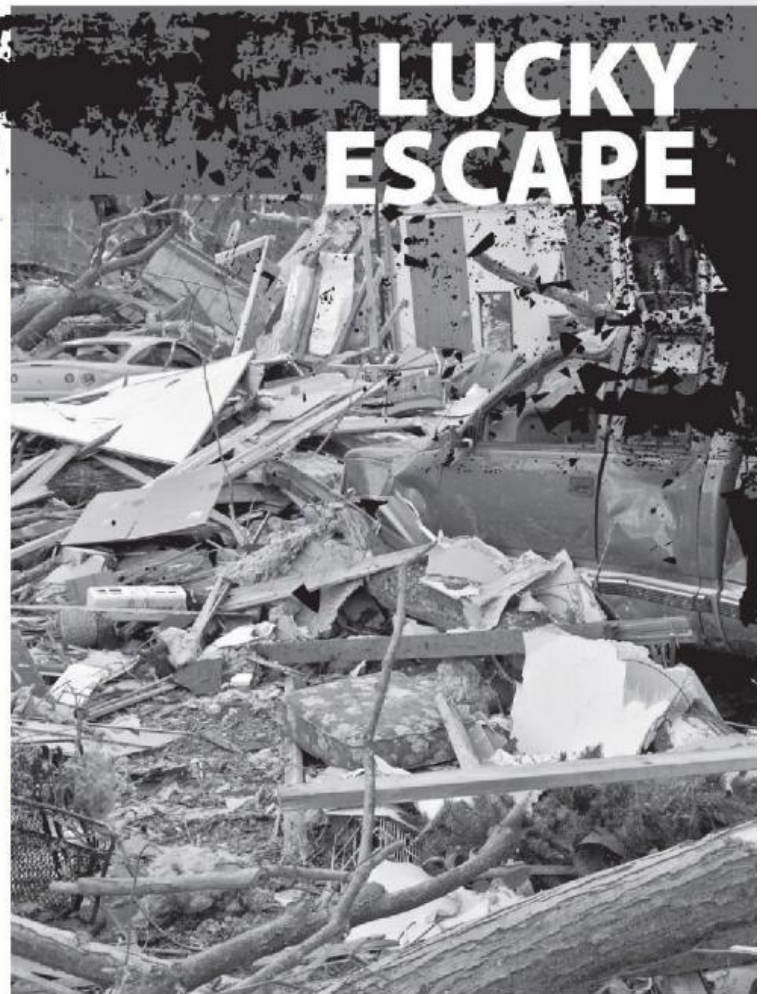
- 6 How many people died in the disaster?

Reading Strategy

To help you decide which phrases fit which gaps, think about the grammar of each sentence. For example, is first word in the gap a verb? Or is a different kind of word needed?

3 Read the Reading Strategy. Then match the phrases (A–I) with gaps 1–8 in the text. Check that each phrase fits the grammar of the sentence. There is one extra phrase.

- A spinning around in the air
- B bring her home
- C ran back to their house
- D which warned them that
- E were not as lucky
- F without looking back
- G holding their maths books
- H realised where he was
- I to leave the school

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One Monday afternoon in May 2013, Diana Palmore was at home with her husband, Pete, when they heard loud sirens ¹ ____ a tornado was approaching the town. Diana's daughter Monica was at the local school and Diana decided to go and ² ____ before the tornado reached the town. She ran as fast as she could to the school. In her classroom, Monica and her classmates were sitting under their desks, ³ ____ on their heads. Diana ran in and took Monica. ⁴ ____ But the tornado was much closer now and it was too dangerous ⁵ ____ . So they hid in a bathroom. When the tornado hit, it ripped the roof from the school. Monica and Diana looked up and saw cars and trees ⁶ ____ above the school. 'It was very scary. The whole school was shaking,' said Monica.

When the storm passed, Monica and her mum ⁷ ____ , but it was in ruins. They couldn't find Pete. But they could hear him shouting for help. Then they saw his hand and ⁸ ____ – in a cupboard under the stairs. He ⁹ ____ couldn't breathe, so they had to get him out quickly. Moments after they pulled him out, the whole house collapsed. The family survived a terrifying experience with only small injuries. But other people in the town ¹⁰ ____ as the Palmores. Twenty-four people died in the tornado.