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Reading

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.

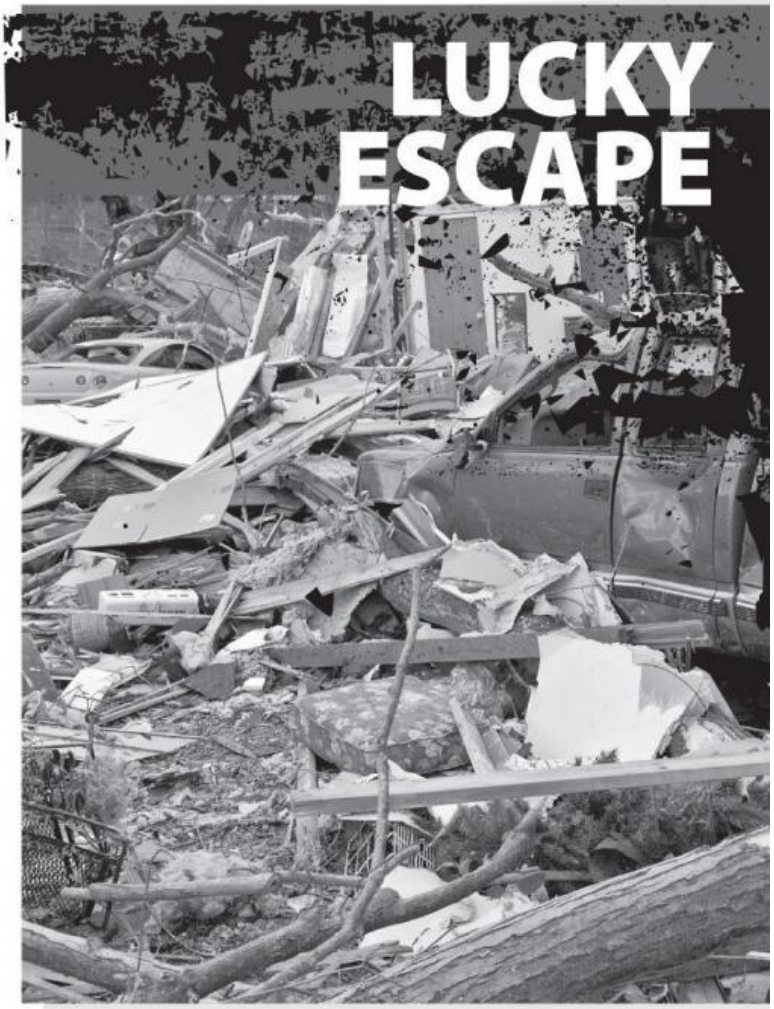
1 What kind of natural disaster did Diana and Pete experience?
_____
2 Where were they when they realised there was a problem?
_____
3 Where was Monica?
_____
4 In which room did Monica and Diana hide?
_____
5 Where did Pete hide?
_____
6 How many people died in the disaster?
_____

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



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. But the tornado was much closer now and it was too dangerous [4]_____ . 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 [5]_____ above the school. 'It was very scary. The whole school was shaking,' said Monica.

When the storm passed, Monica and her mum [6]_____ , but it was in ruins. They couldn't find Pete. But they could hear him shouting for help. Then they saw his hand and [7]_____ – in a cupboard under the stairs. He 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 [8]_____ as the Palmores. Twenty-four people died in the tornado.

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