

## 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?

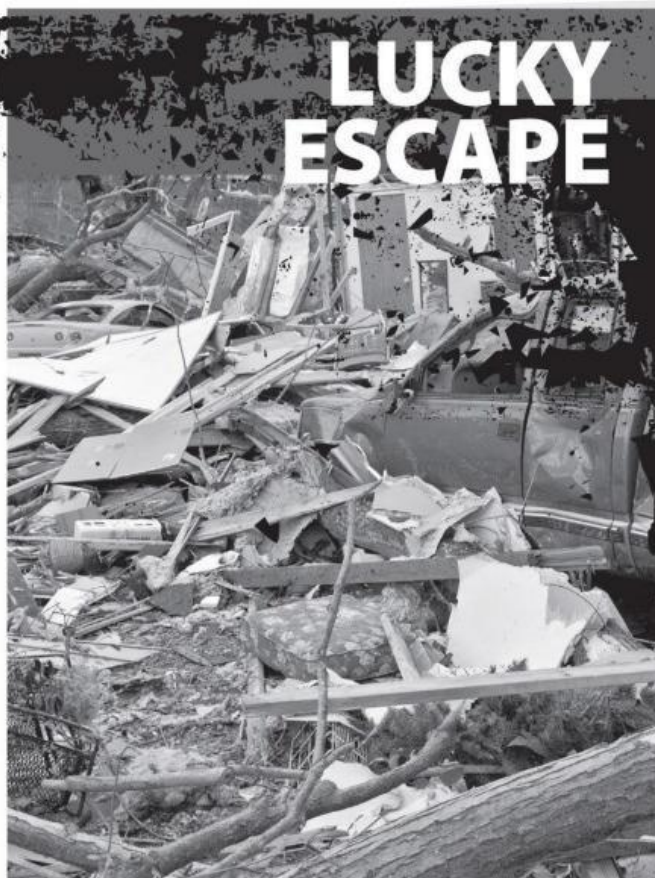
## Reading Strategy

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

# LUCKY ESCAPE



One Monday afternoon in May 2013, Diana Palmore was at home with her husband, Pete, when they heard loud sirens <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a tornado was approaching the town. Diana's daughter Monica was at the local school and Diana decided to go and <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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, <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on their heads. Diana ran in and took Monica. <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ But the tornado was much closer now and it was too dangerous <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. 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 <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ above the school. 'It was very scary. The whole school was shaking,' said Monica.

When the storm passed, Monica and her mum <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, but it was in ruins. They couldn't find Pete. But they could hear him shouting for help. Then they saw his hand and <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in a cupboard under the stairs. He <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ as the Palmores. Twenty-four people died in the tornado.