

### The missing words:

- Tree • Radio • Water
- Neighbour • Jeans
- Cat • Torch • Books
- Food • Storm

## The storm

Read this story about an emergency and fill in the missing words.

There was a big thunder clap and Shan's mum came outside. 'They've said on the radio there's going to be a big \_\_\_\_\_ this afternoon, so we should all get ready', she said. We helped Shan's mum take the washing off the line and put our bikes away in the shed.

When we were inside, Shan's mum rang my dad and told him about the storm. He was in the city for work. 'It's OK, Jack can stay with us', she said. 'If you can't contact us call my sister.'

Shan's mum checked the cupboards. 'We've got enough \_\_\_\_\_ here for a few days, kids!' She filled up some jugs of \_\_\_\_\_ just in case and then rang her sister to let her know about the storm.

'I'd better go and check on Maria', she said, and ran next door.

'Maria is our 91-year-old \_\_\_\_\_', Shan told me. 'She lives on her own and we take her rubbish out for her.'

Shan's mum came back and said Maria was going to come over during the storm, so we all went over to help. She brought a bag with her tablets, warm clothes and some photos of her family, and we helped her bring in her bag and her \_\_\_\_\_, who was meowing very loudly.

Shan's mum asked if we could get their *Emergency kit* out of the cupboard.

'What's that?' I asked.

'It's our box with important things in it; I'll show you', said Shan.





We ran to the cupboard by the front door and took out the box labelled *Emergency kit*. Shan opened the lid and inside was a torch, a \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_, a first aid kit and a book from Red Cross about preparing for emergencies.

It started raining heavily and the wind was blowing around the house. There was a loud bang – the lights went off and Shan turned on the \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ .

‘Now kids, our house is pretty safe, but we should think about what we would take in case we had to leave. Shan, could you pack a bag of your clothes for yourself and Jack and put in a couple of your favourite things?’

We went to her room and Shan packed a jumper, \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_, runners, t-shirts and a rain jacket for both of us. I helped her pack her favourite \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_, a gameboy, Lego racers and a picture of her dad.

As the storm blew, we sat in the lounge room with Maria playing card games. We turned on the radio to find out more about what was happening and what we should do to look after ourselves. It was a bit scary, but Shan’s mum told jokes, gave us cuddles and smiled a lot. When a branch from a \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ crashed down outside, she got up to look. ‘It’s OK everyone’, she called from the front door, ‘The branch has just fallen in the front yard.’

Soon, the storm passed and the power came back on. When we helped Maria go back to her house, there were lots of branches across the road and there were emergency workers out cleaning up.

Shan’s mum rang dad and he came to pick me up. ‘It was pretty scary, but we were lucky we were prepared for the storm’, I told him.