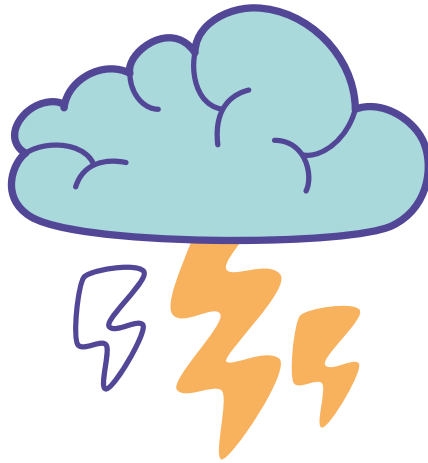




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A terrifying storm



Read the passage below and answer the questions :

Have you ever lived through a terrifying storm? I have! We live in Tamil Nadu, India. When it's the monsoons, we have cyclones that tear through our cities and towns. Last month, we had an extremely powerful one rip through our little town.

On the day of the storm, very early in the morning, it began drizzling. This was nothing unusual as it was our monsoon season. By about breakfast time, a stiff wind began to blow. We had heard the weather forecast say that a storm was anticipated. So schools were closed for the day. I sat by the window, watching. The stiff wind soon picked up speed. The trees in our garden started swaying wildly. I then heard a loud snapping sound and a crash. A neighbour's tree had snapped in the wind. The next morning I found out that it had crashed into our car. Our beautiful red car was almost squashed to the ground!

Soon, the howling wind picked up even more speed and the rain began falling in torrents. I was still watching from the window when I saw a tiny, little puppy, shaking in the rain, trying to find some shelter. I ran outside, scooped him up and brought him in. My sister and I rubbed him down and gave him some milk. He drank it all and wagged his tail. We named him 'Stormy'.

The rain showed no signs of slowing down. By afternoon, there was a stream running on our street.

The storm seemed to go on forever, but slowly, the winds stopped and some time after that, even the rain stopped. In the evening, we went out to see the destruction left in the wake of the storm. People had lost trees, vehicles, roofs, even lives. We however had gained a little friend! Stormy still lives with us!

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Answer these questions from the passage you just read.

1. Where does the author live?

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2. From this passage, do you think that the word 'cyclones' and 'storms' refer to the same thing?

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3. Why does the author say that the drizzle was not unusual?

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4. Do you think the author is a child or a grown-up? How do you know?

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5. What did the author's family lose in the storm? What did they gain?

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6. What are the adjectives used to describe the storm in paragraph one?

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7. How would you describe the author's character, from this passage?

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Key

1. Where does the author live?

The author lives in Tamil Nadu, India.

2. From this passage, do you think that the word 'cyclones' and 'storms' refer to the same thing?

Yes, they refer to the same thing. The author uses the word 'cyclone' and 'storm' interchangeably. Through most of the passage, he uses the word 'storm', using the word 'cyclone' only once. I think a 'cyclone' is a type of storm.

3. Why does the author say that the drizzle was not unusual?

The drizzle was not unusual because it was the monsoon season and rains were expected anyway.

4. Do you think the author is a child or a grown-up? How do you know?

I think the author is a child because he says that schools were closed that day because a storm had been predicted. However, the author could also be a teacher who did not have to work that day.

5. What did the author's family lose in the storm? What did they gain?

The author's family lost their car when the tree branch fell on it. They also gained a puppy that day, who they rescued from the storm.

6. What are the adjectives used to describe the storm in paragraph one?

'Terrifying' and 'extremely powerful' are the two adjectives used to describe the storm in paragraph 1.

7. How would you describe the author's character, from this passage?

I think the author is a curious person because he sits by the window, watching the storm. The author is also kind, because he tries to help the puppy;

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