

## 5.51 The cyclone

<p><b>Topic:</b> Weather <b>Subtopic:</b> Storms <b>Activity type/skill:</b> Verb forms <b>Literacy focus:</b> Writing <b>Genre:</b> Personal recount</p>
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### Objective

- Use past tense verb forms accurately in context.

### What you need

- Student worksheet (see next page)

### What to do

1. Look at the student worksheet and have students work independently to write the correct verb form in the spaces.
2. Read the story together to check their work.
3. Have students identify the text features (see Activity 5.49).

## Activity fifty-one

# The Cyclone

Last month the weather report _____ us to prepare for a cyclone. Our island _____ right in its path.	tell is	told was
Dad _____ the family together and we all _____ down to the church. Everyone from the village _____ in that church.	call go is	called went was
Soon heavy rain _____ the roof and the wind _____ through the coconut trees. Suddenly the windows _____ in. There _____ a crash of broken glass and rain _____ into the church.	hit roar blow, is pour	hit roared blew, was poured
Then, with a terrible groan, the roof _____ off in a huge gust of wind. We _____ soaked. My father _____, "We must pray and sing." So all night we _____ and _____ hymns and _____ to keep warm.	lift are says pray, sing try	lifted were said prayed, sang tried
In the morning the wind _____ and it _____ raining. My sister and I _____ outside.	drop stop, go	dropped stopped, went
Most of the buildings in the village _____ flattened. Only the church and a concrete block house _____ standing. Trees and branches _____ everywhere. The sea _____ dirty and the waves _____ high up the beach.	are remain, are is break	were remained, were was broke
We _____ all alive, but some people _____ cuts and bruises.	are, have	were, had
The next afternoon, a helicopter _____ from the next island. It _____ food and first aid equipment.	arrive bring	arrived brought
Slowly we _____ to clear up the mess. It _____ us many months before everything _____ back to normal again.	begin take, is	began took, was

