

The Storm

Story By: Andrew Frinkle

First, the wind began to blow.
The sky quickly became dark.
The rain began to drizzle down at first.
Then the rain came down heavier.
The winds picked up speed, shaking the trees.
The rain came in slanted, tapping on the windows.



Then the lights began to flicker.
The wind and rain seemed like they could not get any worse.
That was when the thunder started to roll.
Thunder was followed by lightning.
Flashes of light lit up the sky outside.
Loud cracks made everyone jump.

Sheets of rain poured down, and the winds whipped at the trees.
The lightning strikes grew closer, until the roof shook with a near miss.
That was when the lights went out.

Mom and Dad had a lighter ready.
Everyone huddled around the candle they lit.
Flashes of light from the lightning lit up the room.
All around the candle were scared faces.



Slowly, things died down outside.
The lightning stopped.
The thunder quieted.
The rain halted.
And the winds stopped blowing.

The lights came back on, and everyone knew the storm was over.

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 - D. a hurricane

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 - C. the lightning
 - D. the thunder

3. What seems to scare the family the most?
 - A. the wind
 - B. the rain
 - C. the lightning and thunder
 - D. the power going out

4. What did the family do when the power went out?
 - A. They lit a campfire.
 - B. They lit a candle.
 - C. They used flashlights.
 - D. They took a nap.

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