the day the water came

Zandile lives with her family in Kwazulu-Natal. She wrote this story.

One day there was a big storm in my village. The rain fell for days and days. The water in the river got higher and higher. The water washed crabs and fish into the house. Then the water rushed into our house. So, we climbed onto the roof.

The roof was wet and slippery. My mother nearly fell off the roof. So, my brother and I helped her. "You saved me," my mother told me. It was dark and cold on the roof. We were scared. Then we saw a light. People were coming down the river in a boat. We waved and shouted, "Help!"

The people saw us and gave us a rope. They helped us climb into the boat. The people in the boat took us to the church hall. We ate meat and rice and drank tea. We got dry clothes and blankets. Then we slept in the church hall. I felt safe and warm.

Read the story and answer the following questions:

I. Where did Zandile and her family live?

Zandile and her family lived in Kwazulu-Natal.

2. What happened when the people saw them?

They gave them a rope and helped them climb into the boat.

3. What did they do when the water rushed into their house?

They climbed onto the roof.

4. How did Zandile feel before she fell asleep?

Zandile felt safe and warm.

Choose the correct word in the box below and rewrite each sentence:

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I. We climbed onto the roof.

We climbed onto the roof.

2. We ate meat and rice.

We ate meat and rice.

3. I saved my mother.

I saved my mother.

4. The rain fell for days and days.

The rain fell for days and days.