



“She dealt with it pretty well,” says Martha Wampler’s friend Ann Rushing, who helped clean up the wreckage a day after the tornado.

## Twister of Fate

Tornado season opens with a bang for one shaken resident of McCrory, Arkansas.

- 1 The clock stopped at 9:08 on Sunday evening May 4. That’s when the tornado hit Martha Wampler’s house in McCrory, Arkansas. Mrs Wampler, 52, was huddled with her granddaughter Anna, 3, in the hall as winds that reached 160 mph tore at the roof. Within seconds the ceilings began to collapse all around them — everywhere, that is, except in the hall, where even a table with photographs barely shook. “Things whirled around us — leaves, debris,” says Mrs Wampler, who is raising her granddaughter. “But we were not touched. We were truly blessed.”
- 2 Throughout the South and Midwest that night some were not so lucky. The unusually severe weather system that generated the McCrory twister also caused dozens of others that killed at least 37 people. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured in McCrory, where residents had about 10 minutes’ warning of the twister’s approach. But afterward Mrs Wampler was amazed at the damage to her house, which included a tree in the living room. “Someone’s shoes and blankets and pants and coats were in the house,” she says. “I have no idea who they belong to.”

- 1p **4** Martha Wampler beseft dat zij en haar kleindochter geluk hebben gehad.  
→ Uit welke zin in de tekst blijkt dit?  
*Schrijf deze zin over.*
- 1p **5** Which word can replace 'others' in paragraph 2?  
**A** houses  
**B** residents  
**C** tornadoes  
**D** weather systems
- 1p **6** Waardoor vielen er waarschijnlijk geen zwaargewonden in Martha Wampler's woonplaats?