

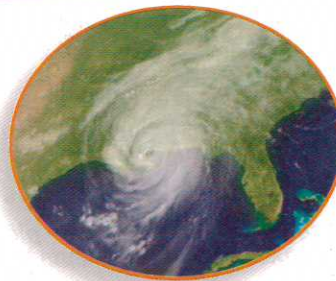
Mes objectifs:

- Comprendre les différents points d'une interview à propos d'une catastrophe.
- Résumer une interview.
- Savoir exprimer différents moyens de défendre une cause.

1 Get ready



- a) What do you already know about Hurricane Katrina? What else would you like to know?
- b) Do the activity in your workbook.



2 Guess what



Look at the documents and say what you can.



3 Read and try to understand



Use the helpbox and do the activities in your workbook.



Louisiana Times

September 1, 2005

HOW I KEPT AFLOAT AND ALIVE!

Interview of James Forest by John Hebert

He and his wife escaped death and say it was a miracle. James Forest is now in Louis Armstrong airport. He agreed to answer my questions.

One million people fled the city before the disaster. Why didn't you evacuate?

– Just because I thought my house would offer sufficient protection for me and my pregnant wife, Ella, and anyway we don't have a car. This little shot-gun house¹ is the only thing we have. We decided not to take refuge in the Superdome but to protect our property.

Can you tell us how you managed to escape a sure death by drowning in your own home?

When I realized the water would not stop rising, first I thought of building a raft but I understood I would not have time, so I emptied the kitchen fridge and climbed into it. I paddled through the water to get help. I reached neighbours who were on the roof of their house but they could not help us. They had no cell phone working, no boat either.

And your wife was still in your house?

– Yes, she went up to the roof too. Suddenly we saw two guys coming with a little canoe. I told them, "This

is my last twenty dollars. Can you go and get my wife?" And they did but they refused to take the money.

How did you both manage to find shelter in the airport?

– When we heard the first helicopters arrive, we wrote a message on the roof of the house and we waved to them. We were pulled aboard a helicopter one by one and transported to the airport which was closed of course, but now serves as a shelter and hospital for the sick, the elderly, the injured, the homeless, the have-nots...

How do you think people can help you?

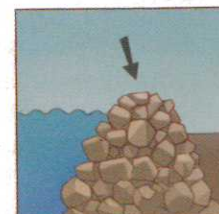
– What we need now is food, drinking water and medical supplies. People can help us by donating clothes, food, school supplies, money of course. A lot of our artists and musicians will surely give concerts to raise funds. I suggest people in other states help us by opening their homes to the displaced families. But building stronger levees² is the top priority in order to protect New Orleans from storms and hurricanes. We could build better hospitals, modern schools... and the soul of New Orleans, its magic, must not disappear.

Help Box

- Make predictions.
- Read and check your predictions.
- Identify the **subject**, the **verb** and the **complement** of each sentence.
- Get the **main ideas**.
- Sum up each paragraph.



1. a shot-gun house



2. levees