The story
Nearly seven and a half million homes across five US states are without power as the tropical storm, which hit Florida as Hurricane Irma, continues inland.

Vocabulary
pounds
hits several times with force

darkness
sadness; hopelessness

in something's wake
after and as a result of an event

Language challenge
There's an English expression that means 'to survive a difficult situation'. What is it?

a) to shelter the storm
b) to weather the storm
c) to break the storm

Answer
b) to weather the storm