



Tsunamis Know What to Do!

3rd - 5th Grade Worksheet



Name _____

Date _____

Tsunami Vocabulary Word Match

Identify the vocabulary word that corresponds with the appropriate description.

1. ___ An earthquake that knocks people off their feet or where you can count shaking for 20 seconds or longer
2. ___ A big wave that is actually a series of ocean waves that can affect coastal areas like beaches and bays
3. ___ Keep calm and immediately move to higher ground, ideally 100 feet above sea level, which is as tall as a 10-story building, or move at least 1 mile inland, away from river valleys
4. ___ Tsunamis that can happen from nearby earthquakes and which take only a few minutes to reach the coastal areas
5. ___ Tsunamis that occur from an earthquake hundreds of miles away and that can take 3 to 22 hours to reach coastal areas

| Vocabulary Words | |
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| A. | Tsunami |
| B. | Evacuate |
| C. | Distant Source Tsunami |
| D. | Strong Earthquake |
| E. | Near Source Tsunami |

Tsunami Word Bank

Complete the following sentences using the correct words.

A _____ is a series of ocean waves. Tsunamis are mostly caused by _____.

What are some warning signs of tsunamis?

- Unusual disappearance of _____
- A strong earthquake that makes people _____ down or lasts for _____ seconds or more
- Hear a loud _____ roar

If a tsunami occurs, keep calm and immediately move to higher ground, ideally _____ feet above sea level, which is as tall as a 10-story building, or move at least _____ mile inland, away from river valleys.

| Tsunami Word Bank | | |
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| water | | 100 |
| earthquakes | | fall |
| 1 | | 20 |
| tsunami | | ocean |

Keeping Safe

Write a paragraph on what you would do if you were at the beach and saw **receding water**, felt a **strong earthquake**, or heard a **loud ocean roar** (the tsunami the warning signs).

Homework

Talk about tsunamis with your parent(s) or guardian(s). Ask them to visit www.ReadySanDiego.org, where they can download a *Family Disaster Plan and Personal Survival Guide* and register their cell phones to receive emergency notifications from AlertSanDiego.

Don't Be Scared, Be Prepared!

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To be used in conjunction with the video – Tsunamis: Know What to Do!