



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	
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		
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!