





17 Tsunami Warning



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In this story the key message is that tsunami are dangerous. Amy is researching them for a school project but Jimmy isn't convinced of their danger. Aren't they just big waves? But Amy's research says otherwise. Tsunami are dangerous and when at the beach, it is important to listen to the warnings and move to higher ground if the warnings are issued. Trev and Jimmy realise that they go to the beach for their holidays and need to be informed. They decide to join Amy in researching more about tsunami.

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What students will 'Know and Do':

Students will understand that tsunami are dangerous and will be able to recall information about them to record in a postcard format.

- 1. View the Li'L Safety Club Natural Disasters advertisement Tsunami Warning
- 2. Ask students to find out what a tsunami is. Refer to the **Background information: Tsunami**. They can research on the internet or through the library. Through their research on the internet, they should list different sites that contain information about recent tsunami.
- 3. Ask students to locate and print out images of tsunami for later use.
- 4. Ask students to complete a postcard design as on Student Activity Sheet 7B
- 5. Ask students to imagine that they had experienced the force of a tsunami and then they are to write a letter to a friend reporting on the incident. The letter should have an image (photograph or drawing) and text. The text should include what they saw/heard/experienced, how they felt, what happened and how they survived.
- 6. Each member of the class should have an opportunity to share their story.

Useful resources:

- FEMA for Kids:
 - www.fema.gov/kids/tsunami.htm
- National Geographic: Tsunamis, Killer waves
 http://environment.nationalgeographic.com/environment/natural-disasters/tsunami-profile/
- GeoScience Australia: Historic Events: Tsunami www.ga.gov.au/hazards/tsunami/tsunami-basics/historic.html
- SES Victoria: TsunamiSafe:

www.ses.vic.gov.au/CA256AEA002F0EC7/page/TsunamiSafe?OpenDocument&1=68-

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EMQ: Be prepared: Tsunami

www.emergency.qld.gov.au/emq/css/tsunami.asp

Student Activity Sheet: 7B	Postcard	Years 3-5		
Theme: <u>Tsunami Warning</u>				
Name:				
Class:				

Imagine that you are enjoying a lovely beach holiday and suddenly you hear a strange sound. It is a tsunami warning. You get out of the water quickly and go to higher ground.

- Write a letter to a friend to tell them about your experience with a tsunami.
- You can design it as a postcard and you should explain what you saw, heard, experienced, how you felt, what happened and how you survived.
- In the letter include information about what a tsunami is, how it is formed, what to do and other interesting facts.
- Draw or paste an interesting diagram or illustration on the front of your postcard.