

# For the Teacher:

## Tsunamis Listening Task

<b>Functional Language</b> <i>Students will need</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What causes _____?</i></li> <li>• <i>_____ is caused by _____.</i></li> <li>• <i>Have you heard of _____?</i></li> <li>• <i>In other words...</i></li> </ul>
<b>Vocabulary</b> <i>Students will need</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vocabulary of tsunamis: <i>natural disaster, tsunami, wave, earthquake, volcano, tides, moon, pull, water, ocean, land, sound, beach, scientist, predict, warn</i></li> <li>• vocabulary of adjectives: <i>large, big, tall, sudden, white, roaring, worst, dangerous, safe</i></li> <li>• vocabulary of numbers: <i>fourteen, thirty, two-hundred thirty thousand</i></li> <li>• vocabulary of years: <i>2004 = two thousand four</i></li> </ul>
<b>Grammar</b> <i>Students will need</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active voice vs. Passive voice:  X causes Y (active)  Y is caused by X (passive) </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very + adjective = emphasis (<i>very big</i>)</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment</b> <i>Teachers can check for success by</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ask students, “What causes tsunamis?” and “How big are tsunamis?” and “Describe the worst tsunami” and “What are scientists doing to help with tsunamis?”</li> <li>• have students re-tell each other about tsunamis using as much information as they can remember from the audio.</li> <li>• Give statements to the class (some are true and some are false) about tsunamis from the audio. Let students create their answers in groups.</li> </ul>

## Natural Disasters | Tsunamis

***What causes a tsunami?***

There are many types of natural disasters. One of these is tsunamis. Have you heard of tsunamis? They are very large waves. The waves move from the ocean onto land. How big are these waves? Some waves are as tall as 30 meters. Tsunami waves are not caused by the tides. In other words, they are not caused by the pull of the moon on the water. So, what causes tsunamis? Tsunamis are caused by earthquakes or volcanoes in the ocean. An earthquake or volcano causes a sudden big wave of water. The wave moves across the ocean without slowing down. When it gets close to land, people can see a white line

coming. They can hear a big roaring sound. They can see the ocean move away from the beach. If you can see the water, you are too close to a tsunami. You should move away from the water as fast as you can. The worst tsunami happened in 2004 in the Indian Ocean. More than 230,000 people in 14 countries died. After that scientists realized how dangerous tsunamis are. Many scientists are studying tsunamis now. They want to predict when a tsunami will happen again, so they can warn people. They want people to be safe.

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