**Tsunami Scavenger Hunt – World Book Kids**

Learn more about destructive and potentially deadly tsunami.

1. What is a tsunami?

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1. What causes tsunamis?

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1. What happens when a tsunami gets close to land?

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1. How high can a tsunami get when close to land?

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1. How fast does a tsunami travel?   
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2. In what years did these devastating tsunamis occur?
3. Chile, Hawaii, Japan : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Bangladesh : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Southeast Asia, South Asia and East Africa : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. Japan : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**ANSWERS:**

1. A tsunami is a large ocean wave.
2. Tsunamis are usually caused by undersea earthquakes or volcanoes.
3. When a tsunami gets close to land it forms a fast-moving, powerful wall of water.
4. It can be as high as 30 metres.
5. A tsunami can travel 970km/hr but slows to 160km/hr when close to shore.
6. Chile, Hawaii, Japan: 1960
7. Bangladesh: 1991
8. Southeast Asia, South Asia, and East Africa: 2004
9. Japan: 2011