**NAME: _____READING: TSUNAMI**

**Part 1: Read the following news and answer the questions. Write no more than 5 words for the answers.**

**PENANG:** In the 2004 tsunami, when S. Thulaasi had only been 22 days old, she was swept out to sea. With the second wave, she then floated back to shore, still asleep on her mattress. When her father, Suppiah recalled the heart-stopping moment, he says he first saw two waves frothing like soap water in the distance. About 10 minutes later, he saw a large wave in the distance. In seconds, it got closer and looked like a towering wall of water. He shouted for everyone to run but the tsunami hit before many tourists could even get up.

1) S. Thulaasi was _____ days old when the tsunami occurred in Penang in 2004.

2) 10 minutes later, Suppiah, the father saw _____ from far and started to shout to alert the tourists.

The wave instantly took the lives of 52 people on Penang island and injured 141 others. The tsunami also fractured Suppiah's hip, tore off the front wall of his shack, filled his bedroom with seawater and swept Thulaasi and her mattress out to sea. His older daughter Kanchana was pushed by the wave up to the hillslope. She held on to the plants and suffered scratches. Suppiah could not find Thulaasi anywhere. He heard many people screaming and shouting. He was getting frantic.

3) _____ people were injured while _____ people were killed by the tsunami.

4) Seawater filled up the bedroom and flushed out _____.

5) Suppiah's older daughter, Kanchana suffered _____ from the plants she held onto.

Less than 15 minutes later, another large wave surged towards land and again there was panic on the beach. When the second wave reached the shore, someone on the slope above Suppiah shouted to him: "Your baby! Your baby is coming back!" When the second wave returned Thulaasi almost to the front of his shack, she was still sleeping on her mattress. Suppiah held her close and cried in relief. "I believe in miracles. I believe in God and divine intervention," Suppiah said emotionally.

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6) The second wave sent Thulaasi to _____ while she was still sleeping.

7) Suppiah believed her daughter's safety despite the disastrous incident was a _____.

**Part 2: Test your understanding about Tsunami!**

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| 1) Tsunami can be caused by earthquake that happens under the ocean. | True | False |
| 2) Before the tsunami waves hit, the water from the shore is pulled back from the shore. | True | False |
| 3) At first, tsunami waves move very slowly. | True | False |
| 4) Tsunami waves becomes higher and higher as they reach the shore. | True | False |

5) What should we do when seeing a big wave coming to the shore from far? Choose the correct option.

A. Grab the important possessions and wait for instruction.
B. Go to the higher ground immediately.
C. Take videos of the waves to post on social media later.

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