



Reading: 4



Number the paragraphs.

1. What can cause tsunamis?
2. Which states are at risk of tsunamis?
3. What does *tsunami* mean?
4. How high can waves be?
5. How fast can tsunami waves travel?

Tsunamis

- Tsunami is a Japanese word that means "harbor wave." A tsunami is a devastating natural disaster.
- Erupting volcanoes can cause tsunamis. A tsunami begins as an underwater earthquake. The force of the earth moving causes the water to move and produce huge waves.
- Waves from a tsunami can travel through the water as fast as 800 kilometers per hour.
- These waves can often be as high as 30 meters.
- The states that should worry about possible tsunamis include Hawaii, Alaska, California, Oregon, and Washington.



► Answer the questions above.

1. Erupting volcanoes can cause tsunamis.

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