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TSUNAMI!

A 21ST CENTURY SURVIVAL SOLUTION



1. Read the text briefly. What is the name of the object in the picture below?



2. Read the text again and choose the best answers.

1 Julian Share thinks the problem in Japan in 2011 was that the people . . .

- a had made no plans for a natural disaster.
- b were not ready for the size of the disaster.
- c didn't know where to go to be evacuated.

2 Sharpe had his idea when . . .

- a was in Indonesia during the 2004 tsunami.
- b saw a sphere floating in the water.
- c realised that with long, gradual slopes it isn't easy to get away from tsunami.

3 The company has designed . . .

- a different models of the Survival Capsule for different types of disaster.
- b just one model of the Survival Capsule in varying sizes.
- c only capsules that have the most basic survival facilities.

4 The capsule . . .

- a needs to be rescued by helicopter when the tsunami eventually ends.

b starts off tied to the ground.

c could be trapped under deep water.

5 The article says that . . .

a they haven't made any capsules yet.

b the cost of spheres is too high.

c the cost is OK if they save lives.

3. Write definitions for the following words/phrases from the text or give their synonyms.

a) (in) **anticipation** (of) –

b) **a slope** –

c) **an alert** –

d) **to range in size** from . . . to –

e) **debris** –

f) **a storage facility** –

g) **to recede** –

h) **a small price to pay** –