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A) Read this newspaper article

## The Angel of the Beach

On 26th December 2004, a 10-year-old British school girl, Tilly Smith, was happily spending her holiday with her family in a hotel in Phuket, Thailand.

The family were playing on the beach when the sea rapidly moved back. Tilly knew it was the first sign of a tsunami. "I was looking at the sea and the water looked very strange. There were lots of bubbles and the tide went out very quickly. I understood what was happening." Tilly ran to her mother and explained it was possibly a tsunami. Mother and daughter ran and told the hotel manager. He reacted quickly and evacuated the area, minutes before the tsunami arrived.

But how did a 10-year-old British school girl know a tsunami was coming? Before Christmas, in her Geography class, Tilly saw a video of a tsunami in Hawaii in 1946. She remembered the images.

On that sunny December day, the tsunami destroyed hotels, shops, schools, hospitals and homes, and killed thousands of people. But Tilly saved her family and hundreds of tourists and local people.

"She is a hero. She saved our lives because she is a good student and remembered her Geography class", said the hotel manager. Mr Kearney, Tilly's Geography teacher, described her as a brave girl. The local people call her 'The Angel of the Beach'.



**B) Read again and choose the correct option**

1. Why is Tilly Smith a hero?

- a) Because she saved a child's life.
- b) Because she saved many people's lives.
- c) Because she rescued her family from a tsunami.

2. Where is Tilly Smith from?

- a) Great Britain
- b) Thailand
- c) Hawaii

3. What did she see on the beach?

- a) a big wave
- b) the sea went backwards
- c) a lot of fish

4. What was happening, in her opinion?

- a) a storm was coming
- b) a hurricane was coming
- c) a tsunami was coming

5. Who did she tell about the tsunami first?

- a) her mother
- b) the hotel manager
- c) the police

6. How did she know what was happening?

- a) her teacher told her about tsunamis
- b) she saw a video about tsunamis at school
- c) she saw a video about tsunamis at home

7) What happened as a result of the tsunami in Hawaii?

- a) many people died
- b) only hotels were destroyed
- c) nothing happened



8) Why is she called 'The Angel of the Beach'?

- a) Because she died on that beach.
- b) Because she knows a lot about tsunamis.
- c) Because with all the information she knew about tsunamis, she could save many people.

