

# Floods



1

Read this fact file about tsunamis and answer the question.

What happens after a tsunami? \_\_\_\_\_

A tsunami is a very big wave. It can happen when a lot of water moves suddenly. Underwater earthquakes often cause tsunamis because the ground at the bottom of the sea moves a lot. A tsunami wave can travel very quickly and very far. A tsunami can be 35 metres high, like a ten-floor building. It can move very fast, up to 970 km an hour. Tsunamis can kill people and animals and break down buildings. After a tsunami there are often floods, which cause more damage to the environment. We don't usually know when a tsunami will happen. Sometimes we know because the sea water moves a long way back from the beach.



2

Read the fact file again. Answer the questions.

1 What is a tsunami? It's a very big wave.

2 What can cause a tsunami? \_\_\_\_\_

3 What bad things can a tsunami do? \_\_\_\_\_

4 What can happen after a tsunami? \_\_\_\_\_

5 Do we know when tsunamis will happen? \_\_\_\_\_

3

Read the text about floods in the Student's Book again. Then read the text about tsunamis again. Match.

1 can sometimes help plants and animals

2 can travel very quickly

3 snow melts quickly

flood  
tsunami

4 a river has too much water

5 can kill people and animals

6 can break down tall buildings

4 Read the text. Tick  the type of text it is.

1 a blog about a flood

2 a diary about a flood

3 an advice sheet on floods



Q: How can I stay safe in a flood?

A: Listen to the news for information about where you live. Do not walk in the streets when there is a flood. Stay with an adult. Do not swim or walk through the water. Switch off anything that works with electricity.

Q: Who should I call?

A: Call the emergency services. Listen carefully to what they say. If you need to leave your home, move quickly.

Q: What should I do if I'm in a flood?

A: First, don't panic! Try to float on your back or hold onto a big tree.

Q: Can I drink tap water after a flood?

A: No, you should boil the water first because it is dirty.

## 5



Imagine there is a flood in your town. Complete the table with ideas from Activity 4.

Do	Don't
stay with an adult	swim in the flood

## 6



Write advice about flood safety. Use your ideas from Activity 5. Then draw.

- Don't panic.
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1



011 Put the dialogue in order. Then listen and check.

- B:** When is it going to arrive?
- A:** Good, so you're safe. Is there anyone in number 37?
- B:** I'm calling from 39 Grange Road. The fire's at number 37.
- 1** **A:** Hello. How can we help you?
- B:** Yes, I am.
- A:** OK. Don't go in to check. Stay and wait for the fire engine.
- B:** I'm calling to report a house fire next door to us.
- A:** In about five minutes. Don't worry and keep a safe distance.
- A:** Where are you calling from?
- B:** I'm not sure.
- A:** And are you outside the house?

2

Look and write a dialogue.

Use language from Activity 1.

**Woman:** Hello, how can we help you?

**Boy:** \_\_\_\_\_





Look and draw lines to make sentences.

1 We



was	playing	cards	at 2 o'clock yesterday.
are	watching	TV	at 5 o'clock yesterday.
were	making	with toys	at 7 o'clock yesterday.

2 What



was	you	did	in here this morning?
is	your	do	in here tomorrow?
were	yours	doing	in here next Tuesday?

3 Was



she	flying	the piano	at 8 o'clock?
they	doing	a kite	at 9 o'clock?
he	playing	his homework	at 10 o'clock?

4 I



was	watch	TV on	3 o'clock.
were	watched	TV at	4 o'clock.
am	watching	TV in	5 o'clock.

2



Read and think. Then write two more.

It can make floods.



How can water be dangerous?



Read. Then write about you and draw.

I was reading a book yesterday afternoon. I wasn't playing computer games ...

