

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.

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| 1 can sometimes help plants and animals | | 4 a river has too much water |
| 2 can travel very quickly | | 5 can kill people and animals |
| 3 snow melts quickly | | 6 can break down tall buildings |

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