



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

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| ☐ Tsunami is a Japanese word that means "harbor wave." A tsunami is a devastating natural disaster. | ☐ Waves from a tsunami can travel through the water as fast as 800 kilometers per hour. |
| ☒ 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. | ☐ 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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3. _____
4. _____
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