

Tsunamis and Tidal Waves

Complete the paragraph. Use the words from the Word Bank to fill in the blanks.

Word Bank				
extreme	usually	difference	largest	normal
apart	series	scientists	understand	levels

"Some people may not 1. _____ the 2. _____ between a tsunami and a tidal wave. Tides are the 3. _____ rise and fall of saltwater 4. _____ against the coast. Tsunamis are not normal tides - they are 5. _____ events. And a tsunami is not just one wave, but a 6. _____ of waves. Some of the waves can be huge. 7. _____ say the first wave is often not the 8. _____. That is 9. _____ the third or fourth wave. The waves can be from five minutes to one hour 10. _____."

TRUE OR FALSE

Write **T** if the statement is true. Write **F** if the statement is false.

.....	Tidal waves and tsunamis are the same thing.
.....	Normal tides rise and fall against the coast.
.....	A tsunami is made of only one single wave.
.....	The first wave of a tsunami is usually the largest one.
.....	Tsunami waves can be one hour apart.