

1. Is a tsunami the same as a tidal wave? Is "tidal wave" an accurate description? Why, or why not?
2. What does a tsunami look like as it travels across the sea or ocean?
3. What does a tsunami look like when it reaches shore? Does it look like a typical breaker, only much larger?
4. How fast and how far can a tsunami travel from its source?
5. Are tsunamis predictable? Are there reliable warning systems to alert coastal peoples about an impending tsunami?
6. How high might a tsunami be when it hits land?
7. What causes a tsunami?
8. Where are tsunamis most common and why are they most common there?

9. Where can tsunamis occur in the United States and why in these locations? Do tsunamis occur in Montana? Why or why not?
10. What is an earthquake? Where do more earthquakes occur in the United States?
11. What is a volcano/volcanic eruption? Are there any active or potentially volcanoes in the United States? If so, where are they located?
12. Name 5 or more other types of severe weather or natural disasters and where they occur in the United States.
13. Have you or anyone you know experienced a tsunami or type of severe weather/natural disaster? If so, how did it affect your life? How did it affect your community? If not, create a disaster plan for your family.