Tsunamis: Know What to Do!

3rd – 5th Grade Worksheet

Name ____________________                                                                          Date__________________

Tsunami Vocabulary Word Match
Identify the vocabulary word that corresponds with the appropriate description.

1. ___ An earthquake that knocks people off their feet or where you can count shaking for 20 seconds or longer
2. ___ A big wave that is actually a series of ocean waves that can affect coastal areas like beaches and bays
3. ___ Keep calm and immediately move to higher ground, ideally 100 feet above sea level, which is as tall as a 10-story building, or move at least 1 mile inland, away from river valleys
4. ___ Tsunamis that can happen from nearby earthquakes and which take only a few minutes to reach the coastal areas
5. ___ Tsunamis that occur from an earthquake hundreds of miles away and that can take 3 to 22 hours to reach coastal areas

Tsunami Word Bank
Complete the following sentences using the correct words.

A _________________ is a series of ocean waves. Tsunamis are mostly caused by _________________.

What are some warning signs of tsunamis?
• Unusual disappearance of ________________
• A strong earthquake that makes people ________ down or lasts for ________ seconds or more
• Hear a loud ________________ roar

If a tsunami occurs, keep calm and immediately move to higher ground, ideally _______ feet above sea level, which is as tall as a 10-story building, or move at least _______ mile inland, away from river valleys.

Keeping Safe
Write a paragraph on what you would do if you were at the beach and saw receding water, felt a strong earthquake, or heard a loud ocean roar (the tsunami the warning signs).

Homework
Talk about tsunamis with your parent(s) or guardian(s). Ask them to visit www.ReadySanDiego.org, where they can download a Family Disaster Plan and Personal Survival Guide and register their cell phones to receive emergency notifications from AlertSanDiego.

Don’t Be Scared, Be Prepared!

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To be used in conjunction with the video – Tsunamis: Know What to Do!