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1 Write four words related to tsunamis. Then read and check.

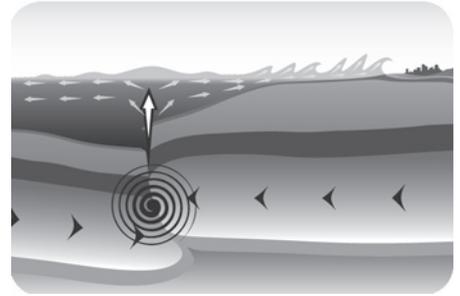
Tsunamis

In 2004, there was a powerful earthquake in the Indian Ocean. The **earthquake** originated near Indonesia, but it affected the whole planet. It caused other earthquakes and a series of **devastating** tsunamis, or giant waves.

Tsunamis happen when lots of water (usually in an ocean) moves very quickly. In 2004, the earthquake in the Indian Ocean **shifted** a lot of water away from the **shore**, and the water movement caused huge tsunamis. The tsunamis **flooded** large areas of many countries, especially Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and Thailand.

The destruction was so great because people in the area weren't prepared. There was no system to warn people of possible tsunamis. Nowadays, the situation is different. There is a system to warn people of possible tsunamis. In this way, people have time to go to a safe place.

To stay safe, people should also learn what happens before a tsunami. When a tsunami is going to form, the ocean often **withdraws** from the shore. Sometimes the earth will shake, and there can be very loud noises. When people hear or see these signs, they should run to a high place far from shore.



↑ Tsunami

2 Read and correct the sentences.

1. There was a huge earthquake in the Atlantic Ocean in 2004.
There was a huge earthquake in the Indian Ocean in 2004.
2. When a lot of ocean water moves quickly, an earthquake can occur.

3. The tsunamis flooded areas in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and Greenland.

4. Now there isn't a system to warn people of possible tsunamis.

5. Tsunamis can be less destructive when people aren't prepared.

6. When a tsunami is forming, water never withdraws from the shore.

7. If you think a tsunami is going to occur, you should run to a low place.

Glossary.....

earthquake:
the shaking or movement of the surface of the earth

devastating:
awful, horrible

shifted: moved

shore: the area around a body of water

flooded:
inundated with water

withdraw: to pull back from; to become distant