

Lesson 3



Reading

- 1 Do you know what a tsunami is? Do this quiz to find out.

Quiz: Tsunamis tidal wave

What is a tsunami?

1. A tsunami is a giant wall of water that travels very fast / slowly.
2. The tsunami in Indonesia was around 5 m / 10 m high.

What causes a tsunami?

3. After / Before an earthquake under the sea the water starts to move and travel.
4. At first, the tsunami is small / huge but as it comes closer to land, it gets smaller / huge.

Tsunamis in Greece:

5. A tsunami hit Greece in / Ancient times
6. It destroyed the area of Crete Helike.

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- 2 Jean Paul wants to write an article about this event in the school newspaper. Read and complete his notes.

What an earthquake, a tsunami

The tsunami tragedy

TEEN newspaper

What happened?

On December 26th 2004, at 7.58 am local time, there was a big earthquake in the Indian Ocean, near Indonesia. The tsunami that followed killed more than 150.000 people and left 5 million homeless. =lose my home

Pete and Cathy from England were spending their Christmas holidays in Phuket with their dad. Pete is talking about that horrible day. presentation of our witnesses

"When the tsunami hit, we were sleeping. My sister and I woke up because we heard police sirens and helicopters. We left dad asleep and went down to find out what was going on. Outside, people were standing in shock. Suddenly a man yelled, 'Another wave ... There's another one coming!' We ran as quickly as possible to our room. While Dad was talking on the phone with mum, the phone went dead. We left the hotel immediately. On our way to the airport, we saw the beach... It was full of broken beach umbrellas and boats. Tourists were looking for their families. It was awful! We were alive because we hadn't gone to the beach earlier that morning! Lots of other people weren't that lucky. We just wanted to go home but the airport was shut! We'll never forget what we saw over those days."

Project - Disasters Notes on tsunami

Date: On December 26th 2004

Time: 7.58 am

Location: Indian Ocean near Indonesia

Number of victims:

150.000... people were killed

5 millions... lost their homes.

Witnesses: Pete and Cathy

Nationality:

Were staying in a hotel

Their description:

- Police sirens, helicopters and shocked
- The phone was
- Beach: Full of
- People couldn't find their
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