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# TSUNAMIS

*Swoosh!*

A huge wave races  
toward a beach.

A **tsunami** is coming!



A full-page photograph of a massive tsunami wave crashing over a rocky island. The water is a deep blue, and the crest of the wave is a thick, white foam. The sun is shining from the upper left, creating a bright, hazy glow over the scene. In the foreground, there are smaller, white-capped waves.

*Tsunami* is a  
Japanese word. It  
means “**harbor** wave.”




The giant wave  
reaches the beach.

*Crash!*

It spills onto land.

It covers everything  
with water.



A tsunami can be one  
wave or a group of waves.







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# **TSUNAMI**

A huge wave races toward a beach. It gets bigger and bigger as it gets closer to land. It's about to crash onto the shore. A tsunami is coming!

Look inside to discover more about these deadly waves, including what happens when they strike, what causes them, and how to stay safe from their deadly reach.

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