



NATURAL HAZARDS Children's Program



07

Tsunami Warning



Lesson Number: 7B – Postcard

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3-5

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In this story the key message is that tsunamis are dangerous. Amy is researching them for a school project but Jimmy isn't convinced of their danger. Aren't they just big waves? But Amy's research says otherwise. Tsunamis are dangerous and when at the beach, it is important to listen to the warnings and move to higher ground if the warnings are issued. Trev and Jimmy realise that they go to the beach for their holidays and need to be informed. They decide to join Amy in researching more about tsunamis.

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What students will 'Know and Do':

Students will understand that tsunamis are dangerous and will be able to recall information about them to record in a postcard format.

1. View the *Li'L Safety Club Natural Disasters* advertisement – **Tsunami Warning**
2. Ask students to find out what a tsunami is. Refer to the **Background information: Tsunami**. They can research on the internet or through the library. Through their research on the internet, they should list different sites that contain information about recent tsunamis.
3. Ask students to locate and print out images of tsunamis for later use.
4. Ask students to complete a postcard design as on **Student Activity Sheet 7B**
5. Ask students to imagine that they had experienced the force of a tsunami and then they are to write a letter to a friend reporting on the incident. The letter should have an image (photograph or drawing) and text. The text should include what they saw/heard/experienced, how they felt, what happened and how they survived.
6. Each member of the class should have an opportunity to share their story.

Useful resources:

- FEMA for Kids:
www.fema.gov/kids/tsunami.htm
- National Geographic: Tsunamis, Killer waves
<http://environment.nationalgeographic.com/environment/natural-disasters/tsunami-profile/>
- GeoScience Australia: Historic Events: Tsunami
www.ga.gov.au/hazards/tsunami/tsunami-basics/historic.html
- SES Victoria: TsunamiSafe:
www.ses.vic.gov.au/CA256AEA002F0EC7/page/TsunamiSafe?OpenDocument&1=68-TsunamiSafe~&2=~&3=~
- EMQ: Be prepared: Tsunami
www.emergency.qld.gov.au/emq/css/tsunami.asp

