

An aerial photograph of a large, powerful ocean wave. The water is a deep, vibrant blue, and the wave's crest is white with foam. The wave is moving from the top right towards the bottom left of the frame. The overall scene is dynamic and captures the raw power of the ocean.

Making Waves!

TEACHER READ ALOUD
Theme 1, Grade 5

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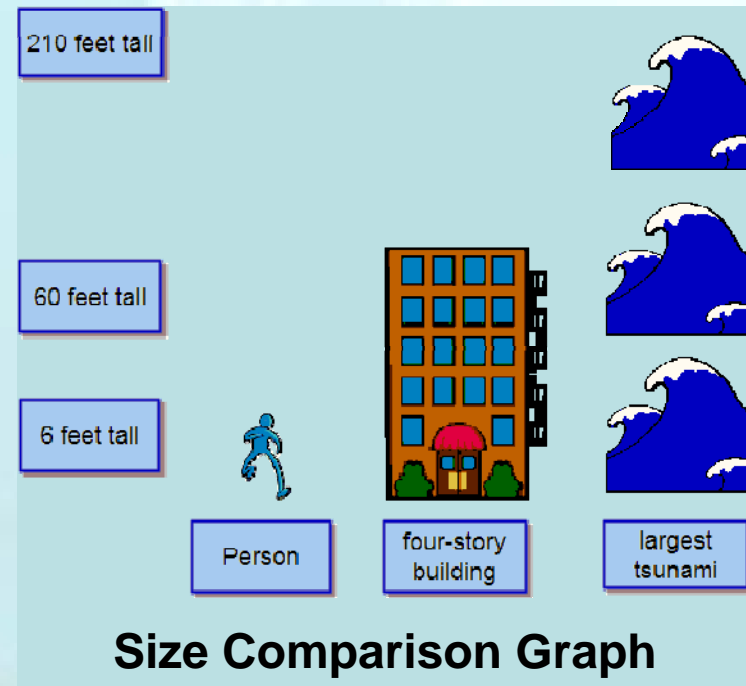
Activate Prior Knowledge

- *Making Waves!* is a selection about one of nature's most incredible forces, tsunamis.
- What is a tsunami?



Activate Prior Knowledge

- The largest recorded tsunami was 210 feet high.
- How tall was this wave compared to a:
 - Person?
 - Four-story building?



Categorize and Classify

- As you listen to *Making Waves!*, think about how the facts in the selection are grouped together.
- Grouping facts into categories helps us understand information in a non-fiction selection.



While You Read

How are tsunamis different than waves you normally see at the beach?



While You Read

Why are tsunamis so difficult to predict and prepare for?



While You Read

Why do you think tsunamis are more likely to hit the coasts of Hawaii, Alaska, Oregon and California than coastal regions in other parts of the world?



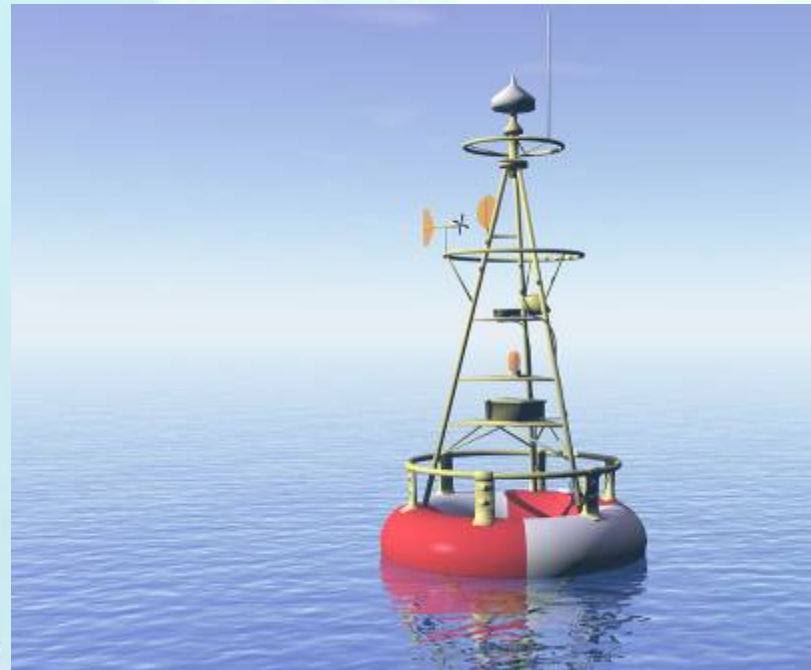
While You Read

How are waves categorized or grouped?



Making Waves!

- Were there any parts of the selection you didn't understand?
- Summarize the story by describing the work done by the TWS and explain why their job is so difficult.



Fact and Opinion

- Classify two types of tsunami waves according to what causes them.
- What are other ways tsunamis might be categorized?



Making Waves!

- Do you think the author did a good job explaining the causes and effects of tsunamis?
- Why is *Making Waves!* part of “Nature’s Fury”?

