## Overview:

In this lesson students play a game to review general tsunami knowledge and emphasize the importance of working together to get to high ground when a tsunami is impending.



## Targeted Alaska Grade Level Expectations:

## Science

- [5-8] SA1.1 The student demonstrates an understanding of the processes of science by asking questions, predicting, observing, describing, measuring, classifying, making generalizations, inferring, and communicating.
- [7] SD2.2 The student demonstrates an understanding of the forces that shape Earth by describing how the movement of the tectonic plates results in both slow changes (e.g., formation of mountains, ocean floors, and basins) and short-term events (e.g., volcanic eruptions, seismic waves, and earthquakes) on the surface.
- [6] SD2.3 The student demonstrates an understanding of the forces that shape Earth by describing how the surface can change rapidly as a result of geological activities (i.e., earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanoes, floods, landslides, avalanches).

## **Objectives:**

The student will:

- · answer a wide range of review questions related to tsunamis
- model (within a board game) the importance of getting to high ground before a tsunami strikes

## Materials:

- Colored pencils (1 box per game—each game can accommodate 8 players)
- Paperclips (4 per game)
- Scissors (1 per student)
- Gallon size resealable bags (1 per game)
- STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET: "Get to High Ground Directions and Game" (12 pages including Trivia Cards)

## Whole Picture:

Alaska's coastal communities are at risk of experiencing a locally generated tsunami. When tsunamis are locally generated there is often little or no time to issue an official warning. Alaska's coastal residents and visitors therefore must be prepared to heed natural as well as official warnings. If you are near the coast and feel an earthquake that lasts for 20 seconds and/or makes it difficult to stand up, you must run for high ground immediately. The quake may have generated a tsunami that is headed your way. Get at least 100 ft above sea level as quickly as you can. Warn others as you go to do the same. If you cannot get to high ground, try to get at least ½ mile inland. If you are trapped near the shore, go into a reinforced concrete building and climb the stairs to at least the 3rd floor.

## Activity Preparation:

You may wish to print the game board and trivia cards on card stock, cut them in advance, and laminate them to make the pieces last longer.

## Activity Procedure:

- 1. Explain that students will play a game to help them review what they have learned about tsunamis and to remind them of the importance of getting to high ground when a tsunami is on the way.
- 2. Divide the students into groups of 4-8.
- 3. Provide each group with the STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET and associated trivia card and game board pages, scissors, 4 paperclips, tape, 1 box of colored pencils, and 1 resealable bag.
- 4. Explain how to prepare the game based on instructions on the Student Information Sheet. Provide groups with time to cut and assemble their games.
- 5. Explain the object and rules of the game and allow students to play the game within their groups.

## **Extension Ideas:**

- Have students come up with their own trivia questions based on what they have learned about local tsunamis from local Elders and other community members.
- Invite a class of younger students to play on teams with older students and thereby learn more about tsunamis and the importance of getting to high ground when one is on the way.
- Use the Tsunami Trivia Cards to play "Tsunami Jeopardy." Cards can be placed in vertical columns within a pocket chart or taped to the wall. Possible categories include: tsunami safety, waves, tsunami and culture, dynamic Earth, tsunami generation, Alaska tsunamis, etc.

## Answers:

All student questions and answers are located on the Get to High Ground Trivia Cards.

## Lesson Information Sources:

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Emmons, G.T. (1911) "*Native account of the meeting between La Perouse and the Tlingit.*" American Anthropologist, New Series, Vol. 13, No. 2. (Apr. - Jun., 1911), pp. 294-298.

## Get to High Ground Directions and Game Student Information Sheet

#### You will need:

- 1 direction sheet with game-pieces to cut out
- colored pencils (4 different colors)
- tape
- 4 paperclips (bent as shown)
- scissors

### Preparing the game:

- 1. Use colored pencils to color each game piece a different color. Cut out the game pieces, fold them, and tape them to a bent paperclip (as shown above).
- 2. Cut out all trivia cards, shuffle, and place face down on the table.
- 3. Cut the white border off the game board pages and tape the board together. Lay it on your playing surface.

### **Object of the game:**

You and your friends are visiting the beach with your grandma when suddenly you feel the earth begin to shake. The ground is shaking so hard that it is difficult to stand up. Your grandma reminds you that a strong earthquake is a natural warning sign that a tsunami may be on its way. Each team must work together to get their Granny to high ground as quickly as possible by answering tsunami questions correctly. The first team to reach the tsunami shelter with their Granny wins the game. All teams must continue answering questions until they reach the shelter and are safe from the tsunami.

#### How to play:

- 1. Select teams of 2 people. A maximum of 4 teams can play this game. Each team must select a playing piece and place their piece on the beach section of the playing board.
- 2. The team with the youngest player goes first.
- 3. On your turn, a player from the team to your right draws the top trivia card and reads the question aloud. Your team must work together to answer the question.
- 4. If you answer correctly, you advance 5-10 feet in elevation. If you answer incorrectly, you do not advance. The distance you advance is indicated at the bottom of the card. Move your playing piece the appropriate distance up the path toward the tsunami shelter.
- 5. Play proceeds clockwise, with each team taking turns answering questions to advance along the path.
- 6. The first team to get Granny to the shelter wins. These players then help other teams answer questions until all teams have reached the shelter.



## Get to High Ground Directions and Game Student Information Sheet

## **Game Pieces**



## Get to High Ground Directions and Game Student Information Sheet Game Board



## Get to High Ground Directions and Game Student Information Sheet Game Board



## Get to High Ground Directions and Game Student Information Sheet **Trivia Cards**

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Question:	Question:	Question:
How often do large offshore	Where can earthquakes occur	In the open ocean, how many
earthquakes capable of gener-	that could cause tsunamis to	miles per hour (mph) can
	sinke Alaskan coastar areas?	
a. Every 50-100 years	a. Alaska-Aleutian	a. 75 mpn
b. Every 300-600 years	b Japan and Chilo	b. 200 mph
c. Unknown, there is no	D. Japan and Chile	c. 500 mph
earthquakes have struck		Answer:
Alaska's coastal areas.	Answer:	c. 500 mph
	c. a and b	
Answer:		
a. Every 50-100 years	, , , ,	
Elevation +10	Elevation +10	Elevation +10
Question:	Question:	Question:
How long can it take a tsunami	When a nearby earthquake	True or False:
generated by an earthquake in	r or landslide generates a local	A tsunami has nothing to do
communities?	i first wave arrive on the closest	often caused by an under-
a 5-30 minutes	shoreline?	sea earthquake.
b 2-6 bours	a. 5-30 minutes	
c Unable to determine	b. 1-3 hours	Answer:
	c. 5-10 hours	True
Answer:		
b. 2-6 hours	Answer:	
	a. 5-30 minutes	     
Elevation +10	Elevation +10	Elevation +5
Question:	Question:	Question:
True or False:	True or False:	True or False:
As a tsunami wave ap-	A person can run faster than	A tsunami is not a single
shallower water its speed	the shore	that arrive over 8-10 hours
decreases and height		
increases dramatically.	Answer:	Answer:
A 2014/07/	False	True—the second and third
	1 1 1	waves can be larger than
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Elevation +5	Elevation +5	Elevation +5

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Question:	Question:	Question:
True or False:	True or False:	True or False:
As a tsunami moves ashore,	People in low-lying areas	The last major tsunami to
the rising water picks up	near the ocean are not at	strike an Alaska community
debris, boats, logs, and	risk of tsunami flooding.	was in March 1964.
other materials that can	Answor	Answor
iniure people		
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Answer:	1	1
True	1 1 1	1 1 1
	1 1 1	1 1 1
Elevation +5	Elevation +5	Elevation +5
Question:	Question:	Question:
Can a nearby earthquake or	True or False:	True or False:
landslide generate a local	Alaska's southern coastal	To escape a tsunami
tsunami before a warning can	communities can experience	sometimes evacuating
be issued?	a "distant" tsunami from an	inland away from the coast-
A 2011/07/	earthquake occurring else-	line is as important as going
Answer:	where in the world.	to high ground.
res	Answer:	Answer
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Elevation +5		
Question:	Question:	Question:
True or False:	Where did the highest tsunami	What grid-like system helps us to
A tsunami generated by an	runup ever recorded take place?	pinpoint exact locations on
Alaska earthquake can	a. Lituya Bay, Alaska	
in faraway places such as	b. Bay of Bengal	
California and Hawaii.	c. Hanalei Bay, Hawaii	D. latitude and longitude
	Answer:	c. International Date Line
Answer:	a Lituva Rav Alaska In	Answer:
True—the second and third	1 a. Liiuya Day, Alaska—III 1958 a landslide gener-	b latitude and longitude
waves can be larger than	ated by a large guake	
the first.	resulted in a wave that	
	surged to 1700 feet.	1 1 1
Elevation +5	Elevation +10	Elevation +10
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Question:	Question:	Question:
True or False:	What does the term "tsunami"	What does DART stand for?
Latitude lines are all equal in	mean in Japanese?	a. Deep-ocean Assessment
length.	a. ocean wave	and Reporting of Tsunamis
Answer	b. harbor wave	b. Daring Arctic Rescue Team
Folgo lotitudo lingo voncin	c. tidal wave	c. Deep Area Response to
length but longitude lines	Anower	Tsunamis
are all equal in length.	Answer.	Answer
		a Deep-ocean Assess-
	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	ment and Reporting of Tsunamis
Elevation +5	Elevation +10	Elevation +10
Question:	Question:	Question:
True or False:	True or False:	In a series of waves, wavelength
Traditional tsunami stories	Tsunamis have very short	describes the distance from:
handed down from generation	wavelengths.	a. crest to trough
to generation have saved lives.	Anowari	b. crest to crest
Answer:		c. the first wave to the last
True—Example: the Andama-	of waves with very LONG	Apower
nese people survived the 2004	wavelengths. Tsunamis can	Allswel.
indian Ocean Tsunami by need-	have wavelengths of more	to trough)
ancestors. Traditional knowledge	than 300 miles.	
warned an earthquake could be		
followed by flooding waves.		
Elevation +5	Elevation +5	Elevation +10
Question:	Question:	Question:
In a series of waves, period	True or False:	True or False:
describes:	Tsunami waves usually have	Not all tsunami waves strike
a. the distance from crest	very short periods.	coastlines at devastating
to crest	Answer:	size from inches to over a
crest	False— <i>Tsunami</i> waves	hundred feet.
c the time between wave	have long periods of 10	
crests	minutes to two hours be-	Answer:
	tween waves.	True
Answer:	1	1
c. the time between wave crests		
Elevation +10	Elevation +5	Elevation +5

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Question:	Question:	
What does wave height describe?	What does tsunami wave ampli-	True or False:
a. distance from crest to	tude describe?	Regular wind-generated
crest	a. distance from crest to crest	ocean waves have short
b. vertical distance from	b. height from crest to trough	wavelengths.
crest to trough	c. maximum vertical distur-	Answor
c. maximum vertical distur-	bance in the water	
bance in the water	during one wave cycle	l
during one wave cycle	Apower	
Answer:	Allswei.	
h vortical distance (height)	c. maximum vertical distur-	
from crest to trough	during one wave cycle	
Elevation +10	Elevation +10	Elevation +5
Question:	Question:	Question:
True or False:	What is wave propagation?	What is tsunami inundation?
All earthquakes generate	a. how waves move from a point	a. how waves move from a point
tsunamis.	of origin to more distant points	of origin to more distant points
Answer:	b. the distance from origin to	b. the distance from origin to
False—Whether or not an earth-	runup	c the distance from the shore-
quake can generate tsunamis	i. c. the distance from the shore-	line to the limit of the area
depends on the location, magni-	the tsunami travels onshore	the tsunami travels onshore
movement Vertical fault move-		Answer:
ments are more likely to pro-	Answer:	c the distance from the shore-
duce tsunamis than horizontal	a. how waves move from a point	line to the limit of the area
fault movements.	of origin to more distant points	the tsunami travels onshore
Elevation +5	Elevation +10	Elevation +10
Question:	Question:	Question:
True or False	True or False	Which of the following do scien
There is no way to determine		tists use to determine tsunami
when and where tsunamis have	tsupami rupup are the same	inundation?
struck in the past unless written or	thing.	a. testing soil salinity
oral history accounts were kept.	Apower	b. eyewitness accounts
Answer:	Allswel.	c. both a and b
False—Case in point— <i>Tsupamis</i>	distance from the shoreline to	Answer:
deposit ocean water and soil on	the limit of the area the	c both a and b—scientists
land when they inundate the shore.	tsunami travels onshore.	also observe damage to
Scientists use soil core samples to	Runup is the elevation above	the landscape and
determine when and where	sea level of a tsunami wave	property, and take soil
tsunamis have struck in the past.	at its maximum inundation.	core samples.
Elevation +5	Elevation +5	Elevation +10

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Question:	Question:	Question:
At a convergent boundary of	At a transform boundary of	At a divergent boundary of
Earth's plates:	Earth's plates:	Earth's plates:
a. two plates slide past each other	a. two plates slide past each other	a. two plates slide past each other
b. two plates move away from each other	<ul> <li>two plates move away from each other</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>b. two plates move away from each other</li> </ul>
c. two plates move toward each other	c. two plates move toward each other	c. two plates move toward each other
Answer:	Answer:	Answer:
c. two plates move toward each other	a. two plates slide past each other	b. two plates move away from each other
Elevation +10	Elevation +10	Elevation +10
Question:	Question:	Question:
<ul> <li>Which of the following do scientists NOT consider when determining if an earthquake may generate a tsunami?</li> <li>a. magnitude of the quake</li> <li>b. population near the epicenter</li> <li>c. total area of sea floor disturbance</li> <li>d. amount of vertical displacement caused by the quake</li> <li>Answer:</li> <li>b. population near the epicenter</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>What is the epicenter of an earthquake?</li> <li>a. the point under Earth's surface where the earthquake began</li> <li>b. the spot on Earth's surface directly above where the earthquake began</li> <li>c. the strength of earthquake shaking</li> <li>Answer:</li> <li>b. the spot on Earth's surface directly above where the earthquake began</li> <li>Elevation ±10</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Which of the following volcanic activities are NOT known to produce tsunamis?</li> <li>a. volcanic earthquakes</li> <li>b. lava flows encountering water</li> <li>c. submarine explosions</li> <li>d. ashfall in deep ocean waters</li> <li>e. calderas collapsing</li> <li>f. volcanic landslides (slope failure)</li> </ul> Answer: <ul> <li>d. ashfall in deep ocean waters</li> <li>Elevation ±10</li> </ul>
Question		
What is the second most com- mon cause of tsunamis? a. earthquakes b. volcanoes c. landslides	Tlingit legend tells of a monster that shakes the surface of the water, causing tidal waves to rise and engulf the unwary. The monster is said to live in ocean caverns near the entrance of	Which type of map shows faults most obviously? a. topographic b. political c. shaded-relief
c landslides_these can be	what bay?	Answer:
triggered by natural events (erosion, earthquakes, etc.), or by human interfer-	b. Dry Bay c. Chiniak Bay	c. shaded relief
ence (excavation, blasting,	Answer:	
etc.).	a. Lituya Bay	
Elevation +10	Elevation +10	Elevation +10

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Question: True or False: Tlingit legends of Lituya Bay, Alaska, likely arose as a result of slope failure, earthquakes and/or violent tidal action within the bay. Answer: True	Question: Which layer of Earth contains mostly liquid rock? a. crust b. mantle c. outer core d. inner core Answer: c. outer core	Question: Which layer of Earth is thickest? a. crust b. mantle c. outer core d. inner core Answer: b. mantle
Elevation +5	Elevation +10	Elevation +10
Question: Which layer of Earth is thinnest? a. crust b. mantle c. outer core d. inner core Answer: a. crust	Question: Which layer of Earth is solid due to tremendous pressure? a. crust b. mantle c. outer core d. inner core Answer: d. inner core	Question: What process in Earth's mantle drives the movement of Earth's plates? a. magnetic fields b. oscillation c. convection currents Answer: c. convection currents
Elevation +10	Elevation +10	Elevation +10
Question: What powers convection current in Earth? a. different temperatures in Earth's layers b. earthquakes c. different elements in Earth's layers Answer: a. different temperatures in Earth's layers	Question: The main subduction zone in Alaska is: a. the Aleutian Megathrust b. the Juan de Fuca Ridge c. the Gulf of Alaska Answer: a. the Aleutian Megathrust	Question: True or False: A subduction zone is a region where one tectonic plate is pushed under another. Answer: True
Elevation +10	Elevation +10	Elevation +5

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Question:	Question:	Question:
True or False:	True or False:	True or False:
A spreading center is a	All parts of the Pacific Plate	Subduction zone earthquakes
region where one tectonic	move at the same rate.	cannot cause tsunamis.
plate is pushed under		Answer:
another.	Answer:	False—Large subduction
Answer:	False—All areas of the	zone earthquakes can
False—A spreading center	the same rate. The evidence	cause the leading edge of
is a region where two	shows in the geomagnetic	the top plate to rupture and
tectonic plates are moving	reversals that do not line up.	and water above it are
away from each other, and	1	pushed abruptly up, starting
new crust is forming.		a tsunami.
Elevation +5	Elevation +5	Elevation +5
Question:	Question:	Question:
True or False:	True or False:	True or False:
Tsunamis usually appear as	Tsunamis and tidal waves	What is the local native
a surge rather than an	are both long ocean waves.	language word for ocean?
enormous breaking wave.	Answer:	Answer:
Answer:	True_but they are gener-	In Suat'stun the word is
True	ated in very different ways.	<i>imaq</i> . In the Eastern and
		Western dialects of
	1 1 1	Unangam Tunuu, the word
		is <i>alagux</i> .
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Elevation +5	Elevation +5	Elevation +10
Question:	Question:	Question:
Which of the following is NOT a	What is the local native	What is featured on a bathymetric
true difference between tsunamis	language word for beach?	map?
and tidal waves?	Answer:	b. political boundaries
b. One affects the whole water	In Suat'stun the word is auta In	c. the surface of the ocean
column while the other does	the Western dialect of <i>Unangam</i>	floor
not.	<i>Tunuu</i> , the word is <i>agux</i> . ( <i>Liter-</i>	Answer:
c. They have different wave	ally: the part of the beach that is	c. the surface of the ocean
periods.	l left dry at low tide, washed at	floor—Bathymetric maps help
b One affects the whole water	of Unangam Tunuu, the word is	tsunami inundation The
column while the other does	tugumaĝix. (Literally: long	shape of the ocean floor
not.	sandy beach)	influences wave propagation.
Elevation +10	Elevation +10	Elevation +10

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Question: True or False: Water drawing back from the shore and leaving a stretch of sea floor exposed is a sign that a tsunami is on its way. Answer: True—get to high ground immediately	Question: True or False: Native Elders and others have observed the seawater becoming bubbly and heard a loud roar from the sea shortly before a tsunami struck. Answer: True—get to high ground if you observe either of these phenomena	Question: What is the local native language word for earth- quake? Answer: In <i>Sugt'stun</i> , the word is <i>arulauq</i> . In <i>Unangam Tunuu</i> , the word is <i>adgilaî</i> .
Elevation +5	Elevation +5	Elevation +10
Question: What is the local native language term for tsunami? Answer: In <i>Sugt'stun</i> , the term is <i>qangyut angsinarqut</i> (Literally: the waves are big) or <i>tung'iruaq</i> (Literally: false/ fake high tide). In <i>Unangam</i> <i>Tunuu</i> , the word is <i>alaĝulĝu</i> x̂ (Literally: big sea).	Question: What is the local native language term for wave? Answer: In <i>Sugt'stun</i> , the word is <i>qangyut</i> . In the Western dialect of <i>Unangam Tunuu</i> , the word is <i>hilmaî</i> . In the Eastern dialect of <i>Unangam</i> <i>Tunuu</i> , the word is <i>ilmaî</i> .	Question: What is the local native language term for water? Answer: In <i>Sugt'stun</i> , the word is <i>taangaq</i> . In <i>Unangam Tunuu</i> , the word is <i>taanga</i> x̂.
Elevation +10	Elevation +10	Elevation +10
Question: True or False: Four types of waves are associated with earthquakes. These are: Primary (P) waves, Secondary (S) waves, Love waves, and Rayleigh waves. Answer: True—P waves and S	Question: What is the equation for calculat- ing rate? a. distance + time = rate b. distance - time = rate c. distance - time = rate d. distance ÷ time = rate Answer: d. distance ÷ time = rate. This equation = rate.	Question: True or False: There is always time to issue a tsunami warning before a tsunami strikes. Answer: False—Locally generated tsuna- mis can occur within minutes of the triggering event. People on the coast must heed "natural" warnings such as strong guakes.
waves are body waves, while Love and Rayleigh waves are surface waves. Elevation +5	used to calculate tsu- nami speed.	a sudden rise in coastal water, water drawing back from the coast, and an ocean roars. Elevation +10