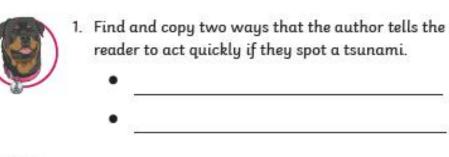
Spotting a Tsunami

- Before a tsunami strikes, eagle-eyed scientists can spot a few warning signs which may help to save lives. An earthquake can be a warning of a tsunami; tsunamis can cause the ground near the coast to shake for more than twenty seconds at a time and may cause the ocean to pull backwards, leaving bare sand where the sea used to be. There may also be loud, booming noises with no apparent cause. However, it is not just humans who can take notice of these warning signs. Around the time that a tsunami is about to strike, animals can be seen behaving strangely or beginning to leave the area.
- 119 If any of these signs are spotted, you must immediately 129 move away from coastal areas. Make your way to higher 138 ground as quickly as you can – do not stop.



Quick Questions





2. What are two warning signs that a tsunami could be about to strike?

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3. Why might someone be tempted to stop on their way to higher ground?

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Who do you think that this information is for? Explain your answer.