

2004 Asian tsunami

Questions to find out:

When did the tsunami happen? What day and time?

What other names is it known by?

What countries were affected?

What caused the tsunami?

What do you think caused so much destruction?

Did they have warnings?

Why do you think a tourist might not have understood the warning signs (e.g. the sea retreating)?

How are the strengths of earthquakes measured?

Questions to think about:

What if people live close to the beach? If houses are made from wood and straw, how will this affect the stability of the houses against a tsunami?

Phrases and vocabulary

I wonder... I think... Perhaps... Maybe...

continent country tectonic plates Indo-Australian plate

India Thailand Indonesia Malaysia Sri Lanka

Richter scale epicentre

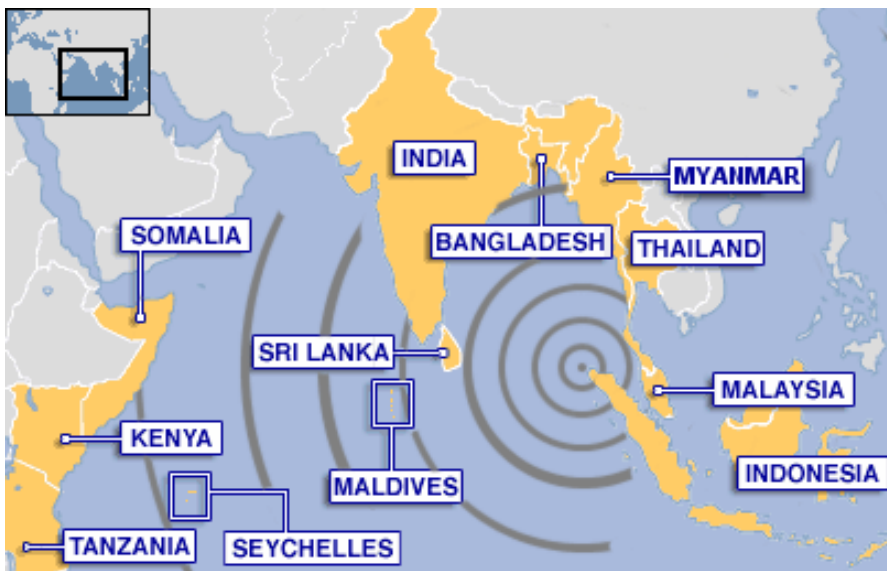
Name of hydrologist: _____

Tsunami name(s): _____

When?: _____

Where?: _____

Facts: _____



Caption: _____
