

# Morning Starters: Spring 1 - Violent Earth

## Word Challenge

Homographs are words that are spelled the same but have different meanings.

### Examples:

- **wave** – an ocean movement
- **wave** – a hand gesture

**Find and list other homographs that appear on this page.**

## Grammar Challenge

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**Copy and complete the sentence below.**

As a towering wave surged towards the shore, a panicked voice cried out, “\_\_\_\_\_”

**Write a follow-on sentence with the words of a different speaker.**

## Did You Know?

A tsunami is a giant wave, created by underwater earthquakes, landslides or glaciers crashing into the sea. These waves can travel as fast as a jet plane and reach heights of over 100 feet! Tsunamis can cause disastrous flooding, wiping out towns and claiming countless lives. To reduce harm, scientists have developed tsunami warning systems, giving coastal communities the opportunity to evacuate before disaster strikes.



Credit: CBBC - Newsround

## Number Challenge

**Fact:** Tsunamis can travel thousands of kilometres with speeds up to 800 kilometres per hour.

**Write the 800 times table, using your knowledge of the 8 times table.**

**Example:**

$$800 \times 1 = 800$$

$$800 \times 2 = 1,600$$

## Critical Thinking

“Never underestimate the power of the ocean.”

**What does this statement mean to you?**