

James finished his chores for the night and fell into his bed, exhausted. Summer break was supposed to be a break, but Dad never gave him a rest.

Today had been grueling as he'd spent the day digging holes in the backyard so they could install a new fence. Of course, he couldn't complain

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warning about bad weather that might be coming in soon: something about earthquakes. They're saying it could turn into a tsunami. Hopefully, that doesn't happen. Talk to you later."

The message ended, and James frowned. A tsunami? Tapping the internet app on his phone, James pulled up information about tsunamis. He'd learned most of this in school but couldn't recall it.

According to the internet sources, tsunamis were large waves triggered by earthquakes. The shifting of tectonic plates out in the ocean or even on land masses could cause the ocean waters to surge onto land. Volcanic eruptions could also cause tsunamis. The waves could reach up to one hundred feet in some cases. Tsunamis had the potential to be catastrophic because their effects could reverberate for many miles.



Dad patted the seat beside him. "Come and eat," he said. "I spoke to Chad's mom this morning, and they're going to be fine. No need to worry."

That relieved James greatly. He wouldn't complain about working in the backyard anymore. Having his friend safe was all he needed.

- 1) What is the story mainly about?
  - A) James's jealousy of Chad, his best friend
  - B) James's excitement about his future trip to Hawaii
  - C) James's concern for Chad, his best friend



4) Why was James unable to sleep?

5) Explain the metaphor used in the underlined part of the sentence below.

<u>Relief washed over James</u> when Dad said the chances were low for any bad effects.

