

Encyclopedia Britannica Online (Library Edition)

Much more than the print version - *EBO* includes selected websites, articles from age-appropriate magazines, yearbook reviews, images and video clips. Covers all topics expected of an encyclopaedia, though generally not to a specialist level. The *School Edition* includes more links to learning resources.

SEARCH TIPS

More than one search word gives sharper results: use **AND** (in caps) to ensure both words are included, and "... " around phrases for more precise results.

Unless for the quite young don't exclude results by selecting the level before a search; view the results and select the level (*Student, Junior...*) that best suits.

The *Unsure of the spelling* feature can help find close matches for terms.

View related resources: images, other articles & subject words

Link to sections of interest in the full article

Ensure **AND** is in caps!

Choose content & reading level that best suits

If you get a nil result tick this and try again: finds nearest match

Find selected journal articles, websites on the broad topic.

Quick access to any video clips and images on the topic

The screenshot shows the search results for 'tsunami AND 2004'. The search bar contains 'tsunami AND 2004' and a 'GO!' button. There are links for 'Unsure of the spelling?' and 'Search Tips'. Navigation links include 'HOME', 'DICTIONARY', 'WORKSPACE', 'GUIDED TOUR', and 'HELP'. The results are categorized by level: 'Encyclopaedia Britannica' (For High School Students and up, Results 1-10 of 86), 'Britannica Student' (For Middle School Students and up, Results 1-10 of 11), and 'Britannica Junior' (For Primary Students and up, Results 1-5 of 5). Each category shows a search result for 'tsunami' with a video/animation icon and a thumbnail image of a tsunami. The 'Britannica Student' result is highlighted with a blue box and contains a link to a 'Historical Tsunami' article. On the right, there are sections for 'Additional Content' (Journals and Magazines, High School, Middle School, Primary, Britannica Concise Encyclopedia, The Web's Best Search) and 'Multimedia' (Results 1-3 of 3, Banda Aceh: tsunami, 2004).

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also called *seismic sea wave* or *tidal wave*



Vintage newsreels show the terrible destruction that a tsunami brought to Hilo, Hawaii, in 1946. Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc.

catastrophic ocean wave, usually caused by a submarine **earthquake**, by an underwater or coastal **landslide**, or by the eruption of a **volcano**. The term **tsunami** is Japanese for "harbour wave." The term tidal wave is frequently used for such a wave, but it is a misnomer, for the wave has no connection with the tides.

Expand Your Research:

- [Journals & Magazines](#)
- [The Web's Best Sites](#)

Workspace Projects

Project 1

No entries available

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For best print format click on these – but NOT 'ARTICLE' if you only want the page on screen!

Links to related articles

The screenshot shows the full article page for 'tsunami'. On the left, there is a 'Table of Contents' with links to 'tsunami', 'Print this Table of Contents', and 'Subject Browse'. Below the table of contents is a 'Meriam-Webster' logo and a note: 'Unsure of the meaning of a word? Double-click it to look it up in...'. The main content area includes the video/animation thumbnail and the article text. At the top of the article, there are links for 'View: Article', 'Images', 'Index Entry', 'Multimedia', and 'Tables'. At the bottom right, there is a 'Workspace Projects' section with a dropdown menu showing 'Project 1' and a link to 'Open Workspace'.