

Unit 2 Reading Comprehension

第二单元阅读理解

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The South Asian Tsunami

On December 26th, 2004 a deadly earthquake occurred on the west coast of Sumatra. The earthquake was caused when the Indian Plate was forced under the Burma Plate during a massive earthquake. This type of fault is known as a subductive or convergent fault. Subductive faults create devastating earthquakes known as "Mega Thrusts", and if the epicentre is located under water deadly tsunamis can form.

The Sumatra-Andaman Earthquake was the largest earthquake ever recorded on a seismograph with a magnitude of 9.1-9.3. The tsunami that followed was one of the most deadly natural disasters in recorded history. When the tsunami hit the coastal regions surrounding the Indian Ocean, the waves were up to 3 meters high. Entire communities were washed away and over 230,000 people in fourteen countries were killed.

Indonesia was the region hit hardest by tsunami and had over 170,000 casualties. According to relief agencies, one-third of deaths were small children who were the least able to resist being overcome by the surging waters. The devastation was so bad that a state of emergency was declared in several countries. Soon after the tsunami, the worldwide community donated more than \$14 billion American dollars to assist with humanitarian aid in the effected regions.

World Wide Casualties of the South Asian Tsunami

Country	Confirmed Dead	Estimated Dead	Displaced
Indonesia	130,736	167,799	500,000
Sri Lanka	35,322	35,322	516,150
India	12,405	18,045	647,599
Thailand	5,3953	8,212	7,000
Maldives	82	108	15,000
Somalia	78	289	5,000
Malaysia	68	75	n/a
Myanmar (Burma)	61	400	3,200
Other	40,737	23	11,051
Total	184,167	230,273	1,690,000

Short Answer

1. What is the title of the Article?

2. What earthquake was the largest earthquake ever recorded?

3. How many people were killed as a result of this disaster?

4. How much money was donated for relief efforts?

5. According to the chart, how many people were displaced by the disaster?

Multiple Choice

6. The Earthquake occurred on ____?
 - a. 2005/12/26
 - b. 2004/12/26
 - c. 2004/11/25
 - d. 2004/12/24

7. The Indian Plate was forced under the ____ Plate?
 - a. Sumatra-Andaman
 - b. Mega Thrusts
 - c. Sumatra
 - d. Burma

8. Indonesia estimated death toll was ____?
 - a. 18,045
 - b. 167,799
 - c. 35,322
 - d. 130,736

9. What was the magnitude of the earthquake?
 - a. 9.1-9.2
 - b. 9.1-9.3
 - c. 9.2.-9.4
 - d. 9.1-9.4

10. According to relief agencies, one-third of deaths were ____?
 - a. Small children
 - b. Elderly
 - c. Indonesians
 - d. tourist

Write about a short summary of the article.
