

# Talking About Your Big Questions

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Disaster Zone: Tsunamis by Kirby Smart

## Big Question 1: What surprised us?

We were shocked to learn that tsunamis can "Race across the sea at up to 500 miles (805 kilometers) an hour—about as fast as a jet airplane. At that pace, they can cross the entire expanse of the Pacific Ocean in less than a day" (51) because we didn't think water could travel that fast; we thought the weight of the water would slow it down instead of helping it speed up.

- ★ Yellow: sentence starter
- ★ Green: textual evidence
- ★ Red: because (bridge word)
- ★ Blue: commentary/explanation

# Talking About the Signposts on Your Post-It Note

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<p>Nick Chubb and Lorenzo Carter  <u>Disaster Zone: Tsunamis</u> by Kirby Smart</p> <p><b>Numbers and Data</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Textual Evidence---copy it and include the page number.</li> <li>2. I know this an example of numbers and data because...</li> <li>3. This use of data and numbers is important because....</li> </ol>	<p>Nick Chubb and Lorenzo Carter  <u>Disaster Zone: Tsunamis</u> by Kirby Smart</p> <p><b>Quoted Words</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Textual Evidence---copy it and include the page number.</li> <li>2. I know this an example of quoted words because...</li> <li>3. This use of quoted words is important because the author is quoting....</li> </ol> <p>I think the author quoted this person in order to show...</p>
<p>Nick Chubb and Lorenzo Carter  <u>Disaster Zone: Tsunamis</u> by Kirby Smart</p> <p><b>Word Gaps</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Textual Evidence---copy it and include the page number.</li> <li>2. I know this an example of a word gap because...</li> <li>3. This word or phrase that I have noticed as a word gap is important to understanding the article because...</li> </ol>	