Relief Work

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What are the best ways to help people below? Explain how you would help these people and share your ideas with a partner.

ex) The best way to help someone who is sad to is to listen patiently to their story.

1) The best way to help someone who was hurt in an accident is to

2) The best way to help someone who broke up with their girlfriend is to

3) The best way to help someone who is shy is to

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2. _________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________

3. Sometimes before a tsunami, the normal level of the ocean will suddenly rise or fall. This is nature’s way of warning you to get away.

4. _________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________

5. If there is an order to evacuate, do it immediately.

6. _________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________

7. Do not go near the beach to watch a tsunami. If you can see the wave, it is too late to escape.
Fill in the blanks by asking your partner for the missing information. Don’t look at your partner’s paper. If you don’t know how to spell something, ask your partner, “How do you spell that?”

Tsunami Safety

1. _________________________________________________________
   _________________________________________________________

2. Follow directions that you hear on the TV or the radio.

3. _________________________________________________________
   _________________________________________________________

4. If one wave is small, don’t get too relaxed. The next wave may be giant. A tsunami is not just one wave, it is many waves.

5. _________________________________________________________
   _________________________________________________________

6. Stay away from the area until the authorities say it is safe.

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