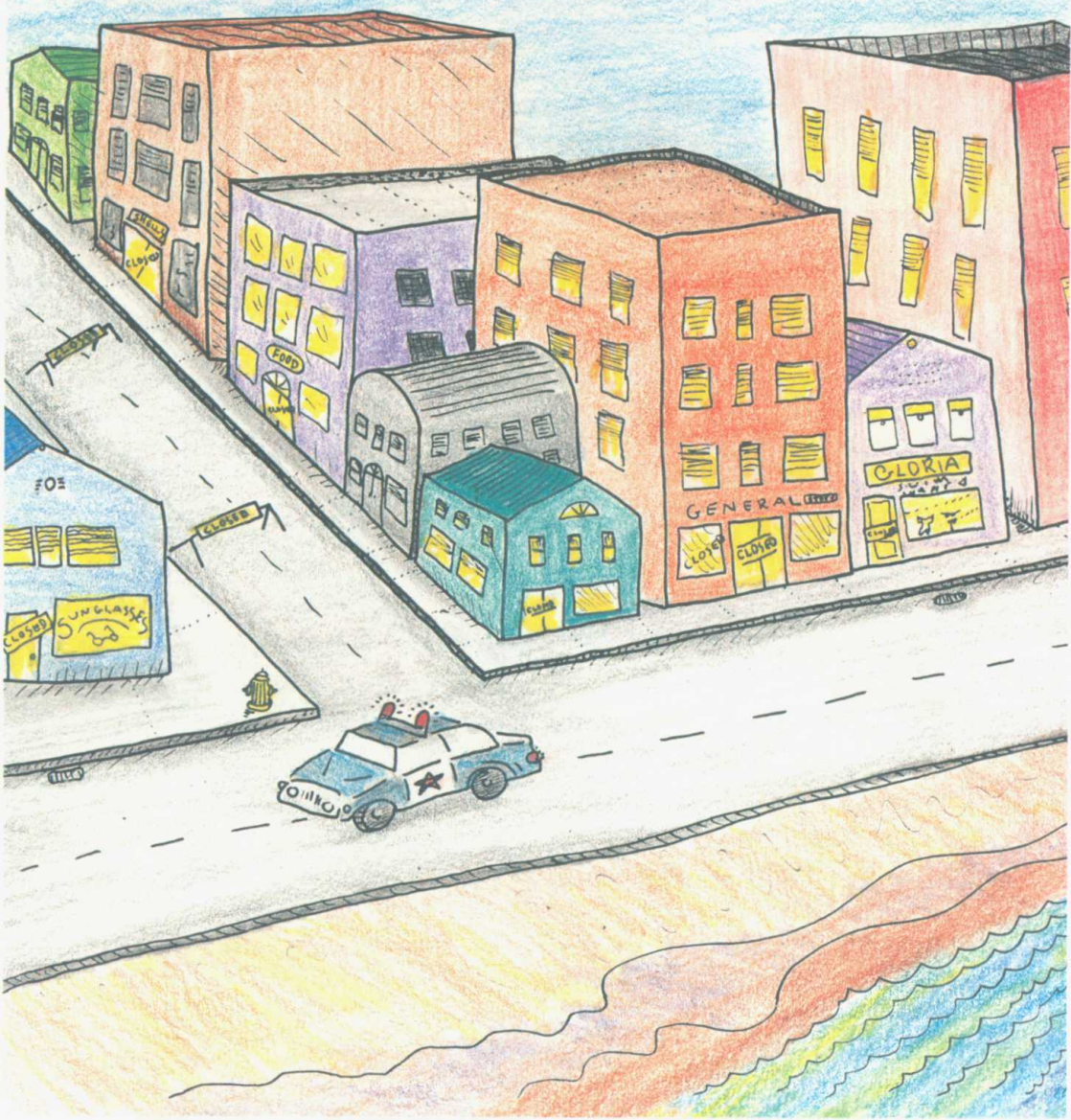
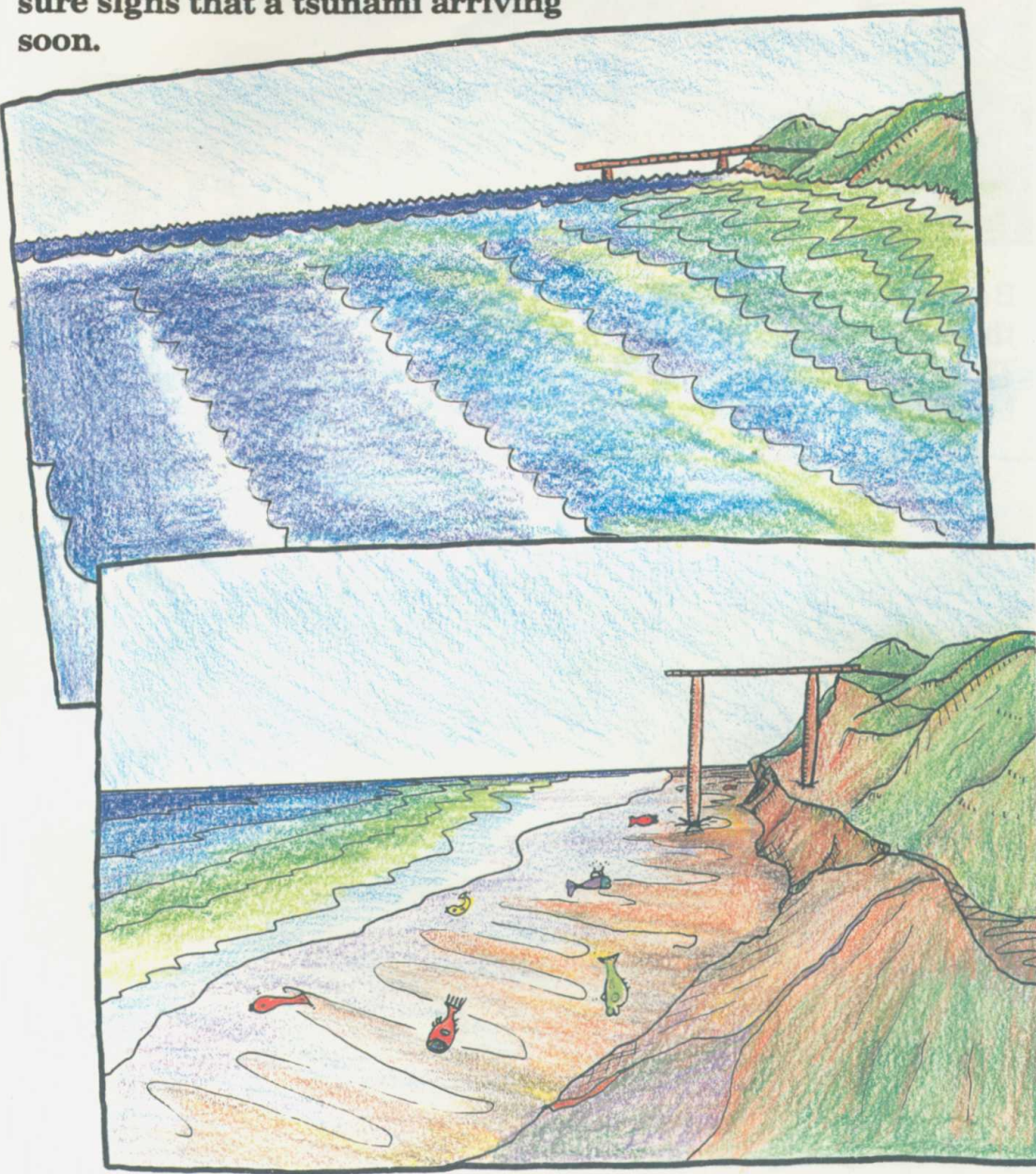


At 11 o'clock, the sirens wail again. There is one hour to go before the tsunami arrives. Police are busy checking that everyone has been evacuated. They make sure no one has been left behind in the inundation zones. Then they seal off the roads so that no one can go back to the danger areas. At 11:30 a.m. the sirens sound for the last time. There is nothing left to do except wait.



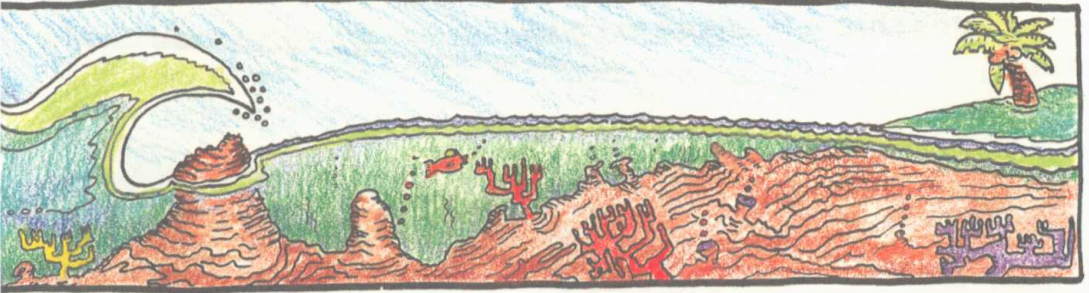


A few minutes later something strange is happening at the beaches. At some places, the sea is rising gently. At others, the water is moving back from the shore and fish are left flapping on the dry beaches. Rising water or receding water are sure signs that a tsunami arriving soon.





**At 12 noon, the first tsunami wave rolls in. Around some parts of Hawaii there are coral reefs and these help to break the force of the tsunami.**



**But at bays, the waves can be very big because the sides of the bay shorten the length of the wave and push it upwards. There are six waves in this tsunami and they come every hour for the next six hours.**

