

A wave carries energy on the ocean's surface. Waves can be big, like tsunamis, or small. The current is the constant movement of the water in the ocean, and there are different kinds of currents, defined by their characteristics and locations.



Key vocabulary

wave

A moving ridge on the surface of water.

current

The movement of water in a river or on an ocean.

coriolis effect

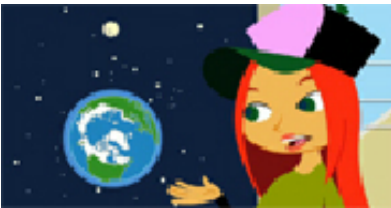
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