Reading Comprehension Worksheet

Grade 2

Answer Key

All About Sea Turtles

What Is a Sea Turtle?

A sea turtle is a **reptile** that lives in the ocean. It has a hard shell and flat flippers instead of feet. Sea turtles are strong swimmers, but they cannot breathe underwater. They swim up to the top of the water to breathe air.

Where Do Sea Turtles Lay Eggs?

A mother sea turtle swims back to a sandy beach to lay her eggs. She uses her flippers to dig a hole in the sand called a **nest**. She lays about one hundred eggs, covers them with sand, and then goes back to the sea.

Baby Sea Turtles

About two months later, the eggs hatch. The tiny baby turtles are called **hatchlings**. They dig out of the sand, usually at night, and crawl toward the ocean. The light of the moon and stars shining on the water helps them find their way.

How Can We Help?

Many kinds of sea turtles are in danger. Some sea turtles eat jellyfish, and a plastic bag floating in the water can look just like one. You can help by throwing trash away and keeping beaches clean.

Glossary

reptile: an animal with scaly skin that breathes air
nest: a safe place where eggs are laid
hatchling: a baby animal that has just come out of its egg

Part A: Multiple Choice

Circle the best answer.

1. What is a sea turtle?

Answer: b) A reptile

2. Where does a mother sea turtle lay her eggs?

Answer: a) In a sandy beach nest

3. What is a hatchling?

Answer: c) A baby animal that just came out of its egg

4. What helps hatchlings find the ocean?

Answer: b) Light shining on the water

Part B: True or False

Write T for true or F for false.

5. Sea turtles can breathe underwater.

Answer: False

6. A mother sea turtle lays about one hundred eggs.

Answer: True

7. A plastic bag can look like a jellyfish.

Answer: True

Part C: Text Features

Text features help readers find information. Headings tell what a section is about. Bold words are important words. A glossary tells what words mean.

8. Which heading would you read to learn about baby sea turtles?

Baby Sea Turtles

9. Use the glossary. What does the word **nest** mean?

A safe place where eggs are laid.

Part D: Think and Explain

10. Name one way you can help sea turtles. Why does it help them?

Sample answer: I can throw my trash away. This helps because plastic bags will not end up in the ocean, where sea turtles might eat them by mistake.