

Alpha Level 5

Turtles in Trouble



Word Study

A Write each vocabulary word next to its meaning.

Word Box

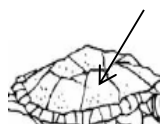
~~destroy~~, ~~endangered~~, ~~strangle~~, ~~ranger~~, ~~release~~, ~~reptile~~, ~~incubate~~

- 1) ranger : A person in charge of managing and protecting part of a national park.
- 2) endangered : to become very rare and possibly die out completely
- 3) reptile : an animal that has cold blood, that lays eggs, and that has a body covered with scales or hard parts.
- 4) incubate : to keep (something) in the proper condition for development.
- 5) release : to set free
- 6) destroy : to damage so badly that it can not be repaired.
- 7) strangle : to kill (a person or animal) by squeezing the throat.

B Draw a line and match these facts about sea turtles.



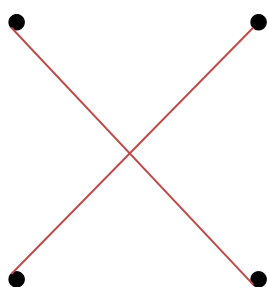
smooth body
and big flippers



hard shell



food



to protect their bodies

to help them swim through the water.



seaweed, fish, jellyfish
and other small sea animals

Word Study

C Complete the sentences using words in the box.

Word Box

~~accidentally~~, ~~sure~~, ~~later~~, ~~up~~, ~~slowly~~, ~~nearly~~, ~~with~~, ~~comes~~, ~~well~~

- 1) I **work** with other rangers.
- 2) The female turtle comes **up onto** the beach.
- 3) The turtle **drags** herself slowly back into the sea.
- 4) The eggs incubate in the sand and hatch about **six weeks** later.
- 5) They **cannot see** well but they are attracted to light.
- 6) Sometimes they **swim** nearly **2000 miles** to get there.
- 7) Turtles **are** accidentally **caught** in fishing nets or hit by boats.
- 8) Litter may **end** up in the sea where it can kill turtles.
- 9) We can **make** sure we don't buy food or souvenirs.

D Write your own sentences using the same pattern.

Act purposefully: "Make sure that~", "Make sure to~"

Make sure we don't buy any food made from turtle meat.

- 1) I have been sick for a week.



⇒ Make sure you get enough sleep.

Answers can vary.

- 2) The beach has been polluted. We can't swim here.



⇒ Make sure we protect the nature.

you get enough sleep.
you get the right nutrition,
you do exercise regularly.

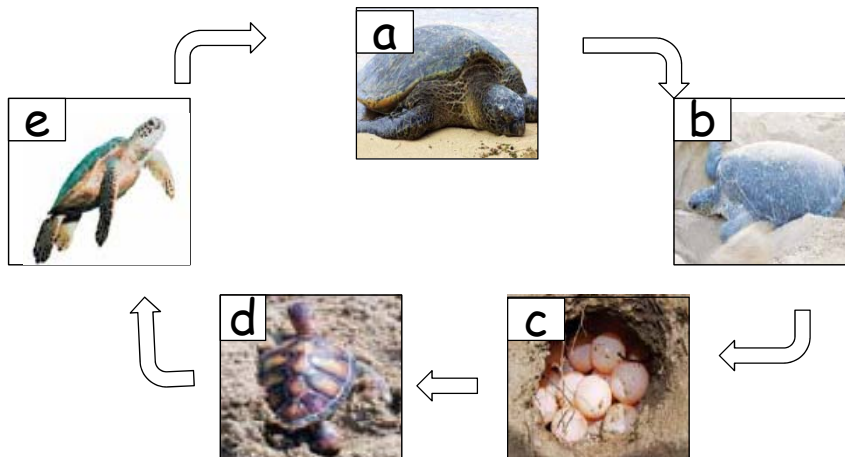
we stop littering.
we are careful on beaches where turtles nest.
we protect the nature.

Comprehension

A Answer the following questions.

- 1) The purpose of this book is to persuade.
a) to entertain
b) to persuade
✓ c) to explain a process.
- 2) Simon and other rangers collect the baby sea turtles before they reach the water because they count, weigh and tag the baby turtles.
(p.p. 10~11)
a) they count, weigh and tag the baby turtles.
b) they put the baby turtles in the pool.
c) they show the baby turtles to people
- 3) The tags help us to collect information about their movement.
- 4) Turtles are endangered because they are killed by people.
people, sharks
caught or strangled in fishing nets, and hit by boats.
(pp.16~17) fishing poles, fishing nets boats, rocks

B Write the correct words for each picture. (p.p. 6~9)



- a** A female turtle comes ashore.
- b** The female turtle digs a nest in the sand with their flippers.
- c** Then she lays lots of eggs.
- d** The baby turtle hatches out of the egg and climbs through the sand.
- e** The baby turtle runs down the beach.

Comprehension

C Problem and Solution.

Complete the chart about Sea turtles.



Name of animal	Sea turtles
Problem	Sea turtles are endangered.
Cause	<p>People destroy turtle nest or take the egg.</p> <p><u>They are caught in fishing nets.</u></p> <p><u>Turtles are hit by boats.</u></p>
Solution	<p>Stop littering</p> <p><u>Don't disturb turtles with noise and lights.</u></p> <p><u>Don't pollute water.</u></p>

Answers can vary

Expression

Be careful on the beaches where turtles nest. Turtles are hit by boats
 Don't disturb turtles with noise and lights. Turtles are caught in fishing nets
 Don't pollute water. People kill turtles for their meat, shells and leather.

D Write and Speak

Make three rules you should follow if you find turtles or eggs at a beach.



How to save the sea turtles

1 Be careful the beaches where turtles nest.

2 Don't disturb turtles with noise and lights.

3 Don't kill turtles for their meat, shells and leather.

Answers can vary

