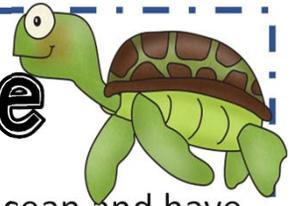


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The Amazing Sea Turtle



Sea turtles are fascinating underwater turtles! They live in the big blue ocean and have been around for a very long time, much longer than our grandparents or even our great-grandparents. Sea turtles have hard shells on their backs. These shells are like their cozy houses. They can't take them off, but that's okay because they're strong and protective. The shells help sea turtles float in the water. Imagine having a built-in life jacket! Sea turtles are excellent swimmers. They use their strong flippers to glide through the waves. Some sea turtles swim thousands of miles across the ocean! They love to play "hide and seek" with the fish and jellyfish. Baby sea turtles hatch from eggs buried in the sand. They dig their way out and race to the ocean. It's like their first big adventure! But watch out! Birds and crabs try to catch them. Only a few lucky ones make it to the water. Sea turtles are picky eaters. They munch on seaweed, jellyfish, and sometimes even tiny fish.

Some sea turtles have special beaks to help them eat. When it's time to lay eggs, female sea turtles come back to the same beach where they were born. They dig a hole in the sand and lay their eggs. Then they cover them up. Sea turtles travel far and wide. They visit warm places and cold places. They're like ocean explorers! Sometimes they rest on floating logs. We can help the sea turtles by doing our part to keep our oceans clean. Sea turtles don't like plastic bags—they think they're jellyfish and eat them by mistake. If we take care of the ocean, sea turtles will keep swimming happily for many more years. So next time you're at the beach, look out for those flippers friends. They might just wave hello from the deep blue sea!

1. Read the passage about "The Amazing Sea Turtle".
2. Underline each word that you could not read or understand.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

- 1. Where do sea turtles live?**
 - a. in the sand
 - b. in the ocean
 - c. on shorelines

- 2. What are the sea turtles shells like?**
 - a. swimming flappers
 - b. hard hats
 - c. cozy houses

- 3. What do they like to play in the ocean?**
 - a. hide n seek
 - b. tag
 - c. catch the jellyfish

- 4. Where do they lay their eggs?**
 - a. in the sand on the beach
 - b. in the ocean
 - c. at the bottom of the ocean

- 5. How can you help sea turtles?**
 - a. protect their eggs
 - b. keep the oceans clean
 - c. feed them

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Open Response Questions

Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
2. Making Connections
3. Summarizing
4. Visualizing

1. Why do you think the sea turtles called amazing?
 2. Why are a sea turtle's shells important?
 3. List 5 things about sea turtles.
 4. Describe what a sea turtle might look like, provide details.
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- Why do you think sea turtles have been able to survive so long in the ocean?
 - What can you do to keep our oceans clean?
 - What challenges do you think the baby sea turtles face as they leave the beach and head to the ocean?
 - Pretend you are a sea turtle. Describe a day in your life.
 - Why do you think sea turtles are called 'picky eaters'?