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### Sea Turtles #1

1 Sea turtles lay their eggs on the beach. The female turtle comes out of the ocean and onto the beach. She digs a hole to lay her eggs and then returns to the sea. When the baby turtles hatch, they dig their way out of the hole and then crawl to the ocean. The trip across the beach can be dangerous! Many animals come to the beach to eat the little, baby turtles as they crawl toward the water. After they reach the water, male sea turtles never return to land. Females return to lay their eggs.

2 Sea turtles can swim very fast. Their front legs are built like paddles. They use them like wings to "fly" through the water. Most turtles can pull their heads and legs inside their shells but sea turtles cannot.

3 The Green Sea Turtle eats only plants. Other sea turtles eat both plants and animals.

4 The largest of all sea turtles is the Leatherback Sea Turtle. It can weigh over 1,000 pounds. It measures 10 to 12 feet long. Its favorite food is jellyfish.



### Sea Turtles #2

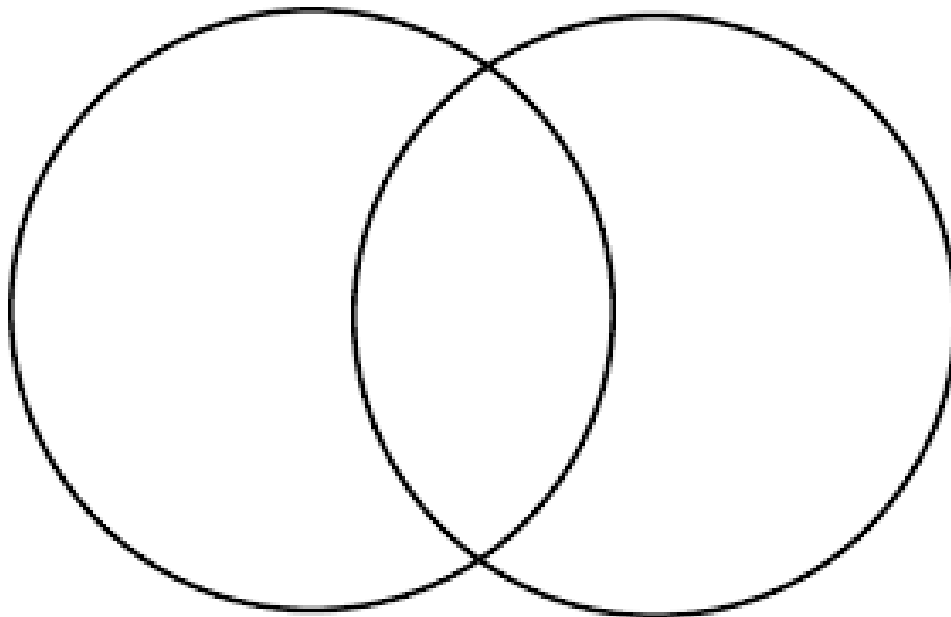
1 Sea turtles live in ocean waters. They have strong front flippers that help make them very good swimmers. They are also very fast in the water! Their heavy shells and flippers make them slow and clumsy on land though. Most sea turtles stay in the water, only going to the beach to lay their eggs.

2 The Ridley Sea Turtle is the smallest sea turtle. It grows to about two feet long. The Hawksbill or "tortoise-shell" turtle, has a beautiful shell and is a little larger than the Ridley. Other sea turtles are the Green Sea Turtle, the Loggerhead, and the Olive-Backed turtle.

3 The largest of the sea turtles is called the Leatherback Sea Turtle. It can weigh as much as a young elephant which is almost 1,500 pounds! From flipper to flipper, this huge turtle may measure 10 to 12 feet long. The Leatherback has a tough layer of smooth skin instead of a shell like the other sea turtles.

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- A. Ridley Sea Turtle is the smallest sea turtle
- B. Sea turtles lay their eggs on the beach
- C. Many animals eat baby sea turtles
- D. The Hawksbill Sea Turtle has beautiful shell
- E. The largest sea turtle is the Leatherback Sea Turtle
- F. Sea turtles cannot pull their heads inside their shell
- G. The Green Sea Turtle eats only plants
- H. The Leatherback Sea Turtle has smooth skin instead of a shell

9. What is the same about the Leatherback Sea Turtle in both passages?

- a. The Leatherback Sea Turtles weighs 1,000 pounds
- b. The Leatherback Sea Turtle has smooth skin
- c. The Leatherback Sea Turtle is the largest sea turtle

10. What is different about how a sea turtle swims in the passages?

- a. The first passage states that a sea turtle swims fast and the second passage does not.
- b. The first passage states that a sea turtle's front legs are like a paddle and the second passage does not.
- c. The first passage states that a sea turtle has flippers and the second passage does not.

11. According to **Sea Turtles #1**, a sea turtle's front legs are built like \_\_\_\_\_

- a. wings
- b. flippers
- c. A paddle

12. How long is the Leatherback Sea Turtle?

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13. Why does a sea turtle come out of the water onto the beach?

- a. To find food
- b. To lay eggs
- c. To make a home

14. What does the Leatherback Sea Turtle like to eat?

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