Turtles

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Nonfiction | 94 words | Key details and new words

I read it: ☆ to myself ☆ to a grown-up ☆ to a friend

1. A turtle has a hard **shell** on its back. The **shell** keeps the turtle safe. When a turtle is scared, it can pull its head and legs inside.

2. Some turtles live in the sea. Some live in ponds and rivers. Some live on land. Turtles that live on land are often called tortoises.

3. Mother turtles lay eggs. Sea turtles dig a hole in the sand and lay their eggs there. When the babies **hatch,** they **crawl** to the water.

4. Turtles can live a very long time. Some tortoises live for more than 100 years!

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Turtles: questions

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I can find answers in the text. Look back at the text to check.

1 Circle the best answer

1. What keeps a turtle safe?

(a) its sharp teeth (b) its hard shell (c) its long tail

2. Where do sea turtles lay their eggs?

(a) in the sand (b) in the water (c) in a tree

3. What are turtles that live on land often called?

(a) fish (b) tortoises (c) frogs

2 True or false? Circle one.

All turtles live in the sea.	True	False
Baby sea turtles crawl to the water.	True	False
Some tortoises live more than 100 years.	True	False

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Turtles: words and writing

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1 Match each word to its meaning. Draw a line.

shell	○	○ move slowly, low to the ground
hatch	○	○ a hard cover
crawl	○	○ come out of an egg

2 Write your answer in a full sentence.

What does a turtle do when it is scared?

3 Draw and label something you learned.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Answer key: Turtles

1 Circle the best answer

1. b) its hard shell

2. a) in the sand

3. b) tortoises

2 True or false

False: All turtles live in the sea.

True: Baby sea turtles crawl to the water.

True: Some tortoises live more than 100 years.

3 Word meanings

shell: a hard cover

hatch: come out of an egg

crawl: move slowly, low to the ground

4 Written answer (sample)

It pulls its head and legs inside its shell.

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