

A Sea Turtle's Life Story

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A female sea turtle crawls along the beach. She finds a safe spot. She digs a hole and lays eggs inside it.

This sea turtle mother covers the eggs with sand. She does it to protect the eggs. Otherwise, raccoons and other predators may eat the eggs. Afterward, the sea turtle mother returns to the sea.

Two months later, the eggs hatch. Baby turtles dig out of the sand. They cross the beach to the ocean.

In the ocean, the little turtles eat and grow. They may live for more than eighty years. Male sea turtles never return to land. Female sea turtles come back only to lay eggs. Then the cycle of life begins again.

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

- A. the ocean
- B. a nest in a tree
- C. a hole in the beach

2. The text explains what happens after a sea turtle mother lays her eggs. Where do baby sea turtles go after they hatch?

- A. the ocean
- B. the beach
- C. a river or lake

3. The sea turtle mother tries to hide the eggs from raccoons and other predators that may eat the eggs. What information in the text shows us that this is true?

- A. The sea turtle mother returns to sea.
- B. The sea turtle mother covers the eggs with sand.
- C. The sea turtle mother lays eggs inside a hole.

4. What is "A Sea Turtle's Life Story" mainly about?

- A. animals that eat sea turtles
- B. the life of a sea turtle
- C. how baby turtles are born

5. Where do sea turtles live?

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6. Draw a grown up sea turtle.

7. What did you learn from "A Sea Turtle's Life Story"?

8. **Class Discussion Question:** Why do male sea turtles never return to land after they are born?
