

Sea turtles

Do you want to find out about the fascinating sea turtle?
Yes? Then read on to find out more.



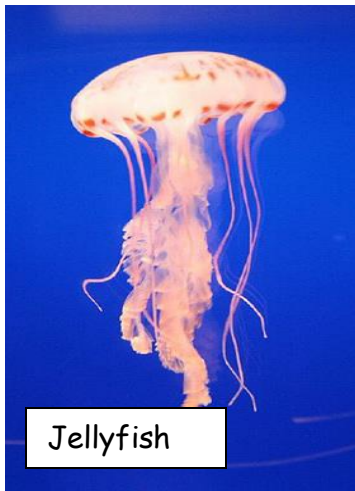
Sea turtles are reptiles who live in the sea. They prefer warm, shallow water because they are cold blooded. They travel huge distances across the ocean.

Sea turtles have a strong shell and special flippers for swimming. Baby sea turtles are only 5cm long but they grow up to 1.5m. What a huge sea creature!



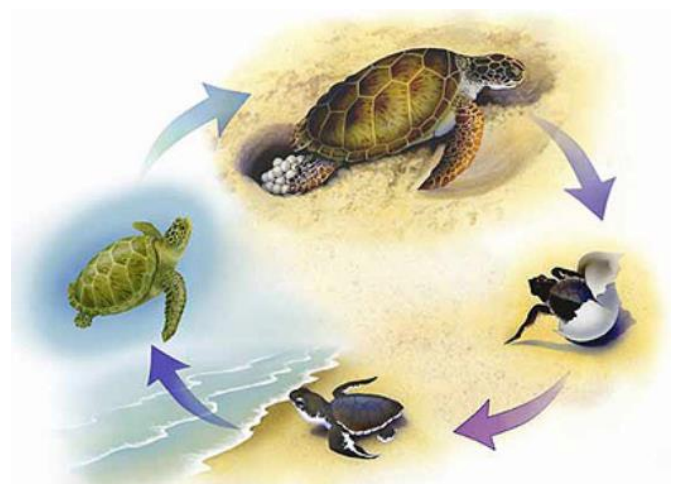
Sea turtles can be longer than a grown man. What a huge sea creature!

Sea turtles like to eat jellyfish, seaweed and sea grass. Sometimes they choke on plastic bags which are floating in the sea.



Life cycle

Mother sea turtles lay eggs in the sand. The egg hatches into a hatchling and then breaks out of the egg. The juvenile turtles have to rush to the sea because they often get snatched by hungry seagulls.



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1. Tick the correct words to finish the sentence

Sea turtles live in _____ , _____ water.

warm

salty

cold

shallow

Sea turtles eat _____ , _____ and _____ .

jellyfish

sharks

sausages

sea grass

people

sand

2. An adjective describes a noun. Circle the 2 **adjectives** in this sentence.

Sea turtles have a strong shell and special flippers for swimming.

3. How long can an adult sea turtle be?

4. Where does a mother sea turtle lay their eggs?

5. Sami says "People need to be really careful and put their rubbish in the bin when they are at the beach."

Why is this important to sea turtle safety?

6. Put these stages of a sea turtle's life cycle in order.

The adult is now ready to lay eggs again.	
The little sea turtle is now called a juvenile.	
The juvenile becomes an adult.	
The baby sea turtle breaks out of its shell.	
The mother lays eggs in the sand.	1