Sea Turtle Sound Hunt

Track how ea spells different vowel sounds.

4.F.P.4.a "Decode and encode words with graphemes that represent multiple letter-sound correspondences."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle every ea in the passage. Above each circled ea, write the vowel sound you hear to notice how the same letters can spell different sounds.

Helping Sea Turtles

1. At a coastal rescue center, workers care for injured sea turtles. A turtle may arrive with a cut from fishing line or a weak flipper. The team keeps each turtle in a clean tank and checks its health. When the animal can swim, eat, and breathe well, workers prepare it to return to open water.

2. Before a release, a keeper reads the weather report and watches the tide. Strong waves can break against rocks near the beach. A great deal of planning keeps the trip safe. The keeper carries the turtle in a padded crate, so its head stays safe. At the water's edge, the turtle is placed on wet sand. Then it heads toward the sea and swims away.

3. The team records the date, the turtle's weight, and any treatment it needed. These notes help scientists learn which dangers affect turtles most often. For example, a plastic bag can look like a jellyfish, a food many sea turtles eat. By keeping beaches clean and leaving wildlife alone, people can help more turtles reach healthy waters.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Write two words from the passage in which ea spells the /ē/ sound, as in see.

2. In the sentence about strong waves, which word has ea spelling the /ā/ sound?

3. The words head and health both contain ea. What sound does ea spell in these words?

4. In paragraph 2, find another word besides break where ea spells the /ā/ sound. Write it.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two connected sentences about an animal habitat. Use at least four words containing ea, including one where ea spells /ē/, one where ea spells /ĕ/, and one where ea spells /ā/. Underline ea in every word you use.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 4 · 4.F.P.4.a

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle every ea in the passage. Above each circled ea, write the vowel sound you hear to notice how the same letters can spell different sounds. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Write two words from the passage in which ea spells the /ē/ sound, as in see.	**Answers vary. Examples: sea, clean.**
2	In the sentence about strong waves, which word has ea spelling the /ā/ sound?	**break**
3	The words head and health both contain ea. What sound does ea spell in these words?	**/ĕ/**
4	In paragraph 2, find another word besides break where ea spells the /ā/ sound. Write it.	**great**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A cl<u>ea</u>n str<u>ea</u>m gives fish a safer place to swim. A b<u>ea</u>ver can rest its h<u>ea</u>d near a br<u>ea</u>k in a l<u>ea</u>fy branch.

Accept any correctly copied passage words that match the requested ea sound. For Your Turn, accept two connected habitat sentences with at least four ea words, correct sound examples for /ē/, /ĕ/, and /ā/, and ea underlined in each word.