Turtle Nest Clues

Read for details that explain what sea turtles do.

RI.2.1 "Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why and how and make and support logical inferences to construct meaning from the text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two clues that help explain why the baby turtles hurry to the water. Circle the words that tell when they break out of their eggs.

A Nest in the Sand

1. On a warm night, a mother sea turtle crawls onto a sandy beach. She digs a deep hole with her back flippers. Then she lays her eggs in the hole. The eggs are soft, not hard like chicken eggs.

2. The mother covers the eggs with sand. The sand hides the eggs from hungry animals. It also keeps the eggs warm as the babies grow inside. When the nest is covered, the mother turtle goes back to the sea.

3. After about two months, the baby turtles break out of their eggs. They dig up through the sand and hurry toward the water. Birds may try to catch them on the beach. In the sea, the babies can swim away.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why do the baby turtles hurry toward the water? Use two details from the text.

2. Why does the mother cover her eggs with sand? Give two reasons from the text.

3. How does the mother turtle make a place for her eggs? Name two actions from the text.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write your own who or where question about the passage that is different from the questions above. Answer it and give a detail from the text that supports your answer.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two clues that help explain why the baby turtles hurry to the water. Circle the words that tell when they break out of their eggs. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why do the baby turtles hurry toward the water? Use two details from the text.	**Birds may catch them on the beach, but the babies can swim away in the sea.**
2	Why does the mother cover her eggs with sand? Give two reasons from the text.	**The sand hides the eggs from hungry animals and keeps them warm.**
3	How does the mother turtle make a place for her eggs? Name two actions from the text.	**She digs a deep hole with her back flippers and lays her eggs in it. She then covers the eggs with sand.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Where does the mother sea turtle lay her eggs? She lays them in a hole on a sandy beach; the text says she crawls onto the beach and digs a hole.

For the marking job, accept clues that birds may catch the babies on the beach and that the babies can swim away in the sea. Students should circle “After about two months.”