

# Beach Nest Endings

See how an informational text ends by tying ideas together.

**4W2.e** "Provide a concluding statement or section related to the information or explanation presented."

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## 1 READ AND MARK \_\_\_\_\_ Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Underline the one sentence that concludes the explanation. Circle two earlier details about nesting beaches that help you see why the conclusion fits.

### A Sea Turtle's Start

- ① Sea turtles spend most of their lives in the ocean, but female turtles return to land to lay eggs. At night, a female digs a hole in dry sand above the high-tide line. She lays dozens of eggs, covers the nest, and returns to the water. The sun-warmed sand helps keep the eggs developing safely.
- ② After about two months, hatchlings use a small temporary tooth to break out of their shells. Many hatchlings leave the nest together and crawl toward the brightest open horizon, which is usually over the sea. Along the way, they may face crabs, birds, and lights from nearby buildings. Only some hatchlings reach the water safely.
- ③ People can help sea turtle hatchlings by keeping beaches dark and removing litter. Wildlife workers may place signs near nests so people do not step on them or drive over them. At some beaches, volunteers also block lights that can confuse hatchlings. Protecting nesting beaches helps sea turtles continue their life cycle in the ocean.

## 2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE \_\_\_\_\_ Use the passage

1 Write the sentence that concludes the explanation.

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2 Name two details from the passage that support the concluding sentence.

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3 How does the concluding sentence connect the actions people take with sea turtles' lives?

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4 How does the concluding sentence connect to the first paragraph?

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## 3 YOUR TURN \_\_\_\_\_ Your own words

You are writing about a school garden. Your explanation says that students pull weeds, water plants, and compost fruit scraps. Write one concluding sentence that ties these details to the idea that caring for the garden helps it grow.

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**PART 1 • READ AND MARK**

Underline the one sentence that concludes the explanation. Circle two earlier details about nesting beaches that help you see why the conclusion fits. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

**PART 2 • ANSWERS**

| # | QUESTION                                                                                  | ANSWER                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 1 | Write the sentence that concludes the explanation.                                        | <b>Protecting nesting beaches helps sea turtles continue their life cycle in the ocean.</b>                                                                                                 |
| 2 | Name two details from the passage that support the concluding sentence.                   | <b>Answers may include that turtles lay eggs in beach nests, people keep beaches dark, signs protect nests from being stepped on or driven over, and volunteers block confusing lights.</b> |
| 3 | How does the concluding sentence connect the actions people take with sea turtles' lives? | <b>It explains that protecting nesting beaches helps sea turtles continue their life cycle.</b>                                                                                             |
| 4 | How does the concluding sentence connect to the first paragraph?                          | <b>The first paragraph explains that eggs develop in nests on beaches, and the conclusion explains why protecting those nesting beaches matters.</b>                                        |

**PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)**

By working together to care for the school garden, students help its plants grow and keep it healthy.

Accept a concluding sentence that refers to the school garden and brings together care actions with healthy plant growth. For the passage questions, accept reasonable supporting details that clearly connect nesting-beach protection to the turtles' life cycle.