Turtle Text Trek

Use features to find facts in an article.

3.RI.2.B "Use text features and search tools (e.g., sidebars, hyperlink) to locate and gain information efficiently."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Use the paper index and sidebar to find information. For each answer, name the feature or heading you actually used.

Sea Turtle Search

Find it fast – paper index

Hatchlings → section A. Dangers → section B. Tracking → section C. Follow the heading letters to read the information; these are not clickable links.

Word help

hatchling: a baby turtle that has just left its egg.

Nesting at night

Many sea turtles lay eggs at night. A female digs with her back flippers, lays eggs and covers the nest. After about two months, depending on conditions and species, hatchlings emerge.

A • Hatchlings

After leaving the nest, hatchlings move toward the ocean. Artificial lights can lead them away from the water.

B • Dangers

Predators, artificial lights and plastic pollution can threaten turtles. Not every hatchling survives to adulthood.

C • Tracking

Researchers can attach a satellite transmitter to a turtle's shell. It sends signals when the turtle surfaces so researchers can study its movements. A simple identification tag is different from a satellite transmitter.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. You want to learn how long it takes before hatchlings come out of the nest. Which text feature would you use, and what does it say?

2. Which text feature would help you find the meaning of hatchling?

3. Use the index to locate how scientists track turtles. Name the section and explain how a satellite transmitter helps.

4. Use the index to find a danger turtles face. Name the section and one danger.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Create a boxed sidebar about an animal you know, with two accurate sentences. Add two paper-index entries leading to two short labeled sections you actually write on spare paper. Have a partner use the index to find one fact. Digital hyperlink use is a separate extension.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Use the paper index and sidebar to find information. For each answer, name the feature or heading you actually used. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	You want to learn how long it takes before hatchlings come out of the nest. Which text feature would you use, and what does it say?	**Use the sidebar. It says hatchlings dig out after about two months.**
2	Which text feature would help you find the meaning of hatchling?	**WORD HELP.**
3	Use the index to locate how scientists track turtles. Name the section and explain how a satellite transmitter helps.	**Tracking, section C; it sends location signals when the turtle surfaces.**
4	Use the index to find a danger turtles face. Name the section and one danger.	**Dangers, section B; predators, artificial lights or plastic pollution.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Monarch facts

Monarch butterflies drink flower nectar. Many eastern North American monarchs migrate to central Mexico.

INDEX: Food → Section A; Winter → Section B.

SECTION A — FOOD
Adult monarch butterflies drink flower nectar.

SECTION B — WINTER
Many eastern North American monarchs spend winter in central Mexico.

A partner looking for winter information can use the index to find Section B.

Require actual location and retrieval, not just the name of an imagined tool. Accept sidebar/Word help and the labeled section used. This print task uses a paper index; it does not claim to provide functioning hyperlinks.