

Picture the Journey

Annotate details that build a clear scene in your mind.

6.5.D “create mental images to deepen understanding;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words and phrases that help you picture what the hatchling sees, moves through, or does, then number three images in the order they happen. Use these images to follow the hatchling's journey.

A Hatchling's First Night

- ① On a summer night, a green sea turtle hatchling breaks through a nest of warm sand. Its shell is about the size of a large cookie, and its front flippers sweep sand from its face. The hatchling follows the brightest open horizon, which is usually the moonlit ocean. Above the beach, dark dunes and plants block much of the landward light. The tiny turtle moves quickly, leaving a trail of flipper marks behind it in the sand.
- ② A porch light or a hotel window can confuse hatchlings because it may look brighter than the sea. Some turtles crawl toward roads, parking lots, or dunes instead of the water. Wildlife workers help by turning off unnecessary lights and shielding lamps that must stay on. On protected beaches, volunteers may watch nests from a distance. They avoid touching hatchlings unless trained officials decide that help is needed. Reducing bright lights gives the turtles a clearer path.
- ③ Reaching the surf is only the first part of the journey. A wave lifts the hatchling, then pulls it into foamy water. The turtle begins swimming offshore, using its flippers like small paddles. In the open ocean, young green turtles may drift and feed among floating mats of seaweed. Years later, females that survive can return to nest on beaches. Imagining each setting, from grainy sand to dark water, helps readers notice how many dangers the hatchling faces.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Which details help you picture the hatchling's size and body?

2 What do you picture as the hatchling moves across the beach in the first paragraph? Use two details from the passage.

3 What two settings can you picture in the third paragraph? Explain how seeing this change helps you understand the hatchling's journey.

4 How do bright human-made lights change the image of the hatchling's path? What danger does this image help you understand?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Create a three-panel sketch of the hatchling's journey: the beach, the confusing lights, and the ocean. Add one labeled detail in each panel, then write two sentences explaining how your images help you understand the hatchling's challenges.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline words and phrases that help you picture what the hatchling sees, moves through, or does, then number three images in the order they happen. Use these images to follow the hatchling's journey. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which details help you picture the hatchling's size and body?	Its shell is about the size of a large cookie, and its front flippers sweep sand from its face.
2	What do you picture as the hatchling moves across the beach in the first paragraph? Use two details from the passage.	A tiny turtle moves over warm sand toward the moonlit ocean and leaves flipper marks behind it.
3	What two settings can you picture in the third paragraph? Explain how seeing this change helps you understand the hatchling's journey.	The hatchling moves from the sandy beach into foamy ocean water, later among floating seaweed. The change shows that its journey continues through different places with dangers.
4	How do bright human-made lights change the image of the hatchling's path? What danger does this image help you understand?	The lights can draw hatchlings toward roads, parking lots, or dunes instead of the ocean. This image shows how the turtles can be led away from the water.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

My first panel shows warm sand and a trail labeled "flipper marks," my second shows a bright hotel window near a road, and my third shows foamy waves beside floating seaweed. Seeing the path in three places helps me understand that the hatchling must find the ocean and survive after it reaches the water.

Accept accurate images and explanations supported by passage details, including the beach, artificial lights, and ocean. For the open task, look for three distinct settings, labeled details, and an explanation connecting the mental images to the hatchling's challenges.