Turtle Talk

Use exact words and clear speaking choices in an animal report.

2.C.2.A.i "Use topic specific language and vocabulary to communicate ideas. Speak audibly with appropriate pacing, prosody, and voice level."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words that tell exact facts about sea turtles. Circle words that tell how to use your voice when you read aloud.

Sea Turtle Report

1. Sea turtles live in warm oceans. A hatchling is a baby sea turtle. After it leaves its nest, a hatchling crawls toward the water. Its flippers help it move through sand and swim.

2. To share this news aloud, use a clear voice. Pause after the word hatchling so listeners can think. Say flippers a little louder because they are important body parts. Do not rush the long word camouflage.

3. Sea turtles use camouflage to blend in with their surroundings. A turtle with a brown shell may be harder for a hungry fish to see near rocks. Read this sentence slowly and smoothly, like waves moving toward shore.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which two topic words name a baby sea turtle and its body parts?

2. Why should you pause after saying hatchling?

3. How should you read the last sentence of the passage?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about an animal you know. Use at least two topic words, then add a delivery note in parentheses that tells how to read part of your report aloud.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.C.2.A.i

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline words that tell exact facts about sea turtles. Circle words that tell how to use your voice when you read aloud. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which two topic words name a baby sea turtle and its body parts?	**hatchling and flippers**
2	Why should you pause after saying hatchling?	**Pause so listeners can think.**
3	How should you read the last sentence of the passage?	**Read it slowly and smoothly.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A beaver uses sharp incisors to cut wood for its lodge. Its flat tail helps it swim. (Read the second sentence slowly, and say “flat tail” a little louder.)

Accept topic words that fit the chosen animal and are used correctly. The delivery note should name a clear speaking choice, such as a pause, a slower pace, a smooth voice, or a louder important word.