

Turtle Trail Clues

Use order words to follow events in an informational text.

2.DSR.E "(Reading Strategies, 3-12): Introduced in Grade Three."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the words that tell the order of events. Then write 1, 2, and 3 beside the three actions in paragraph 2 to show what happens first, next, and then.

A Turtle's First Trip

- ① On a warm night, tiny sea turtles hatch under the sand. They push up together and crawl toward the bright horizon over the ocean. Lights near homes can confuse them and lead them away from the water.
- ② First, a hatchling uses its flippers to move across the beach. Next, it reaches the wet sand near the waves. Then, it swims away from shore. Most young turtles will not return to land for many years.
- ③ At sea, hatchlings may hide in floating plants. The plants can give them food and a place to rest. As the turtles grow, they eat different foods. Adult green sea turtles often eat seagrass and algae.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Which three order words did you circle in paragraph 2?

2 Number these actions 1, 2, and 3: swims away from shore, reaches the wet sand, moves across the beach.

3 How does the word Then help you understand the hatchling's trip?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write three sentences that tell how you get ready for school. Use First, Next, and Then to show the order.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle the words that tell the order of events. Then write 1, 2, and 3 beside the three actions in paragraph 2 to show what happens first, next, and then. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which three order words did you circle in paragraph 2?	First, Next, Then.
2	Number these actions 1, 2, and 3: swims away from shore, reaches the wet sand, moves across the beach.	Moves across the beach, 1; reaches the wet sand, 2; swims away from shore, 3.
3	How does the word Then help you understand the hatchling's trip?	It shows that swimming away from shore happens after reaching the wet sand.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

First, I eat breakfast. Next, I pack my backpack. Then, I walk to the bus stop.

Accept the order words First, Next, and Then in Question 1, with actions numbered in passage order for Question 2. For Your Turn, accept any sensible three-step routine written in three sentences that uses all three order words correctly.