Tiny Turtle Clues

Use text details to answer questions and make smart inferences.

2.RI.1.A "Ask and answer literal and inferential questions (who, what, where, when, how, and why) about key details in a text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline details that answer a who, what, where, when, or how question. Circle one detail that helps you infer why hatchlings choose a certain time or place to move.

A Sea Turtle's First Trip

1 Sea turtles begin life on sandy beaches. A mother turtle digs a hole, lays eggs, and covers them with sand. She returns to the ocean. Weeks later, tiny hatchlings break out of the eggs, usually at night.

2 At night, hatchlings crawl toward the brightest open space, which is often the moonlit ocean. They use their flippers to move over the sand. Moving at night may help them avoid some birds that hunt during the day.

3 Once in the water, hatchlings swim away from the shore. They may float among seaweed, where food and hiding places can be found. Only some young turtles survive, because fish, crabs, and other animals may eat them.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Who digs the hole and covers the eggs with sand?

2. How do hatchlings move over the sand?

3. A beach has bright lights from buildings near the sand. What might hatchlings do? Explain your inference.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write one new literal question about the passage and answer it. Then write one inferential question and answer it using a detail from the passage.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline details that answer a who, what, where, when, or how question. Circle one detail that helps you infer why hatchlings choose a certain time or place to move. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Who digs the hole and covers the eggs with sand?	**The mother turtle.**
2	How do hatchlings move over the sand?	**They use their flippers.**
3	A beach has bright lights from buildings near the sand. What might hatchlings do? Explain your inference.	**They might crawl toward the building lights instead of the ocean because they crawl toward the brightest open space.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Literal question: Where do hatchlings float after they enter the water? Answer: They may float among seaweed. Inferential question: Why might seaweed be a helpful place for hatchlings? Answer: It can give them food and hiding places.

Accept literal questions whose answers are stated in the passage. Accept inferential questions and answers that use a passage detail to make a sensible conclusion, even if students use different wording.