

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 Underline the labels of the three text features, circle the three link words, and number the features 1 through 3 to help you use them quickly.

Sea Turtle Search

- ① Sea turtles spend most of their lives in the ocean, but females come ashore to lay eggs. A green sea turtle may travel hundreds of miles between feeding areas and nesting beaches. Its wide, flat flippers help it swim. Unlike fish, sea turtles must rise to the surface to breathe air. **WORD HELP:** A hatchling is a baby turtle that has just left its egg.
- ② **SIDEBAR:** Nesting at Night. Many sea turtles lay eggs at night. On a sandy beach, a female uses her back flippers to dig a hole. She may lay about 100 eggs, covers the nest with sand, and returns to the water. The sun warms the eggs. After about two months, hatchlings dig out and head toward the ocean.
- ③ **SEARCH TOOL:** Find It Fast. Use these bracketed words as links in a digital article. [Hatchlings] tells how baby turtles reach the water. [Dangers] explains why some turtles do not survive. [Tracking] describes how scientists follow turtles. Scientists place a small tag on a turtle's flipper or shell. The tag can send location signals to a satellite, helping scientists learn where the turtle travels.

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 A reader wants to learn how scientists follow turtles. Which link should the reader select?

- 4 Which link would help you find information about reasons some turtles do not survive?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose an animal you know. Write a two-sentence sidebar with one useful fact, then add two search-link labels that would help a reader find different information about the animal.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the labels of the three text features, circle the three link words, and number the features 1 through 3 to help you use them quickly. 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	A reader wants to learn how scientists follow turtles. Which link should the reader select?	[Tracking].
4	Which link would help you find information about reasons some turtles do not survive?	[Dangers].

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

SIDEBAR: Monarch butterflies drink nectar from flowers. Each fall, many monarch butterflies from eastern North America fly to central Mexico. LINKS: [Life Cycle] [Winter Journey]

Accept answers that correctly name the sidebar, WORD HELP, or the matching link. For Part 3, accept any accurate two-sentence sidebar and two labels that direct readers to different kinds of information.