

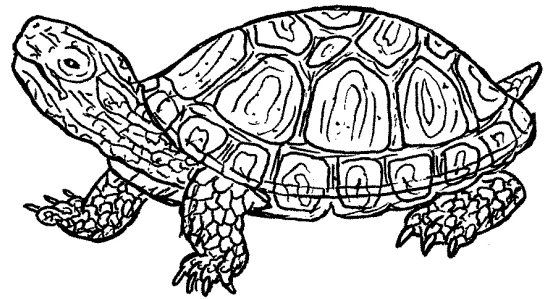


TURTLES

FACT CARD

REPTILES

**Turtles are reptiles.
Reptiles are cold-blooded animals
They have lungs and breathe air.
Reptiles have a backbone.
They have scales covering their bodies**



APPEARANCE

**Turtles have a short, wide body and stumpy feet.
They are covered with a shell.
The top shell protects the backbone and ribs.
The bottom shell protects the stomach.
Some turtles live for over 50 years.**

EATING HABITS

**Turtles eat plants and small animals.
They have no teeth.
They have sharp jaws to help them eat.
Their jaws tear the food into smaller pieces.
Turtles eat the small pieces whole.**





STUDENT BOOKLET

TURTLES

B. Look in books about turtles. Draw four stages in the life cycle of a turtle.

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Birth

Young Turtle

Growing Up

Adult

C. Fill in each blank with a word from the box below:

1. Turtles spend time on _____ and in water.
2. Some turtles live for over _____ years.
3. Turtles never know their _____.
4. All turtles are covered with a _____.
5. Only turtles that live in _____ areas hibernate
6. _____ and newly-hatched turtles have no protection from their enemies.
7. Turtles eat plants and small _____.
8. The top shell protects a turtle's _____.
9. Turtles have sharp _____ to help them eat.
10. Turtles come out of hibernation when the weather _____ up.

eggs

ribs

fifty

cold

warms

jaws

land

shell

animals

mothers



ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

WHAT AM I? RIDDLES

1. I waddle when I walk.
I have white feathers on my belly.
I have black feathers on my back.
I eat under the water.
I stay in the water for weeks at a time.
What am I?

2. I live in the ocean.
I breathe through two blowholes.
I am the largest animal on earth.
I have flippers to help me steer.
I eat thousands of krill each day.
What am I?

3. I am covered with a shell.
I have a short, wide body and stumpy feet.
I eat plants and small animals.
I live in the mud near streams, ponds, and lakes.
I spend time on land and in the water.
What am I?

4. I am a small insect.
I am red or orange with black marks.
I am a gardener's friend.
I eat insects that are harmful to plants.
Gardeners build houses for me.
What am I?

5. I am a small animal with bulging eyes.
I have strong back legs for jumping.
I catch food with my tongue.
I eat insects, minnows, earthworms, and spiders.
I am most active at night.
What am I?