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Sea Turtles Worksheet

The answers to the following questions can all be found by visiting: www.activewild.com/sea-turtles/

(For each question, either underline or (circle) the correct answer.)

- 1. What type of animal is a sea turtle? 9. What is one way in which Reptile / Mammal / Amphibian
- 2. How many species of sea turtle are there?

1 / 6 / 7

- 3. Can sea turtles breathe underwater? Yes / No
- 4. Where are sea turtles most likely to be found?

Tropical waters / Cool temperate waters

- 5. Can a sea turtle protect its head and flippers by pulling them into its shell? Yes / No
- 6. If a sea turtle gets too cold, does it start to shiver in order to warm itself up? Yes / No
- 7. Does a female sea turtle lay eggs or give birth to babies? Eggs / Babies
- 8. How often do male sea turtles leave the sea and come onto land? Once a year / Never / Several times each year

sea turtles get rid of the excess salt in their bodies?

It is expelled through the skin as sweat.

They cough up small cubes of sea salt.

It is expelled as 'tears' from special glands near their eyes.

10. What is the top part of a sea turtle's shell called?

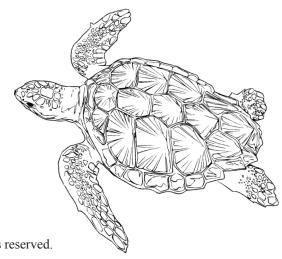
Plastron / Scute / Carapace

11. Are sea turtles in the same order (a group of related animals) as the turtles that live on land?

Yes / No

12. Which of the two sea turtle families contains the most sea turtle species?

Cheloniidae / Dermochelyidae



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13. What is the main difference between the two sea turtle families?

Sea turtles in the family Cheloniidae migrate further.

Sea turtles in the family Cheloniidae have hard shells.

Sea turtles in the family Dermochelyidae don't migrate.

14. When did the ancestors of today's sea turtles first appear?

Triassic Period / Jurassic Period / Cretaceous Period

15. Which came first: sea turtles or Tyrannosaurus rex?

Sea turtles / Tyrannosaurus rex

16. Where is the flatback sea turtle most likely to be found?

Australia / England / USA

17. What do full-grown green sea turtles prefer to eat?

Jellyfish / Plants

18. The hawksbill sea turtle is so-named because of its:

wing-like flippers / hawk-like beak / hawk-like vision

19. The arrival of thousands of either Kemp's ridley or olive ridley sea turtles onto a beach at the same time is known as what?

Arribada / Spring break / Visitation

20. What is the most abundant species of sea turtle?

Kemp's ridley / Leatherback / Olive ridley

21. What is the largest species of sea turtle?

Leatherback / Green / Loggerhead

22. Of the 6 sea turtles to have been given a conservation status, how many are either vulnerable, endangered or critically endangered?

1 / 3 / 6

23. How many eggs do female sea turtles lay at a time?

Only 1 / 7 to 10 / 50 to 300+

24. Which of the following isn't a major threat to the survival of the world population of sea turtles?

Hunting by humans

Pollution

Being eaten by sharks

Becoming entangled in fishing nets



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