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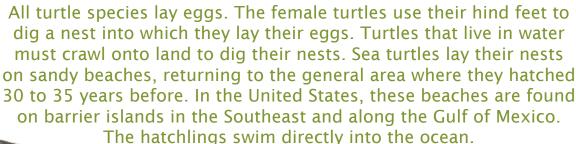
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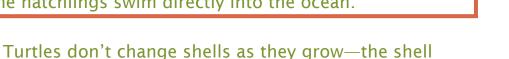
## Turtle Fun Facts

Turtles have existed for a long time. They were on the earth with the dinosaurs!



There are over 300 different types of turtles that live in habitats all over the world; including the ocean, salt marshes, wetlands, woods, grasslands, and deserts.



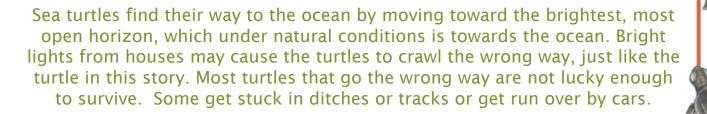


All turtles are reptiles that breathe air — even turtles that live in or around the water. Sea turtles must rise to the surface of the water to breathe.

grows with them, just like our bones grow as we grow.



Turtles are cold-blooded, which means they absorb heat from their surroundings. Many turtles may be seen basking in the sun, warming themselves. Some turtles hibernate in the winter, and sea turtles migrate to warmer waters.

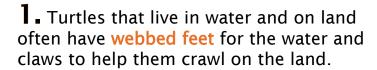




## Match the turtle adaptations

Turtle bodies are adapted to their environment. Match the description to the corresponding image. Answers are upside down on the bottom of the page.



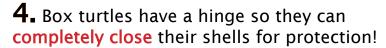




**2.** Sea turtles have **flippers** to help them swim in the ocean.



**3.** Painted turtles bask in the sun to get warm. You may see them on rocks or logs.

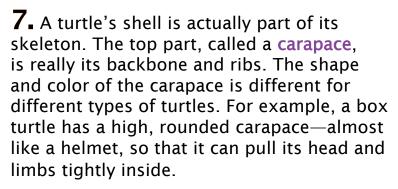




**5.** Sea turtles cannot pull their head or flippers in at all.



**6.** Turtles don't have teeth like we do, but they have strong beaks that they use to crush food.





**8.** The bottom part of the shell is called a plastron. Some, but not all, turtles' plastrons cover their entire body.





## Match the turtle to its habitat

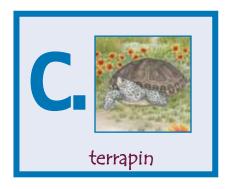
















answers: 1. D, 2. A, 3. B, 4. C