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Sea Turtles

(Genre: Informational Text)

- 1 Sea turtles live in the sea. They like warm waters. They spend all their lives in water.
- 2 Only a mother sea turtle visits a beach. She goes back to the place where she was born. She finds a place in the sand. Then she digs a hole. She lays her eggs in the hole. She covers them with sand. Weeks later, the eggs hatch. Baby turtles come out!
- 3 Each baby runs toward the water. Danger is everywhere. Baby sea turtles are black. The sand is white. The turtles are easy to see.



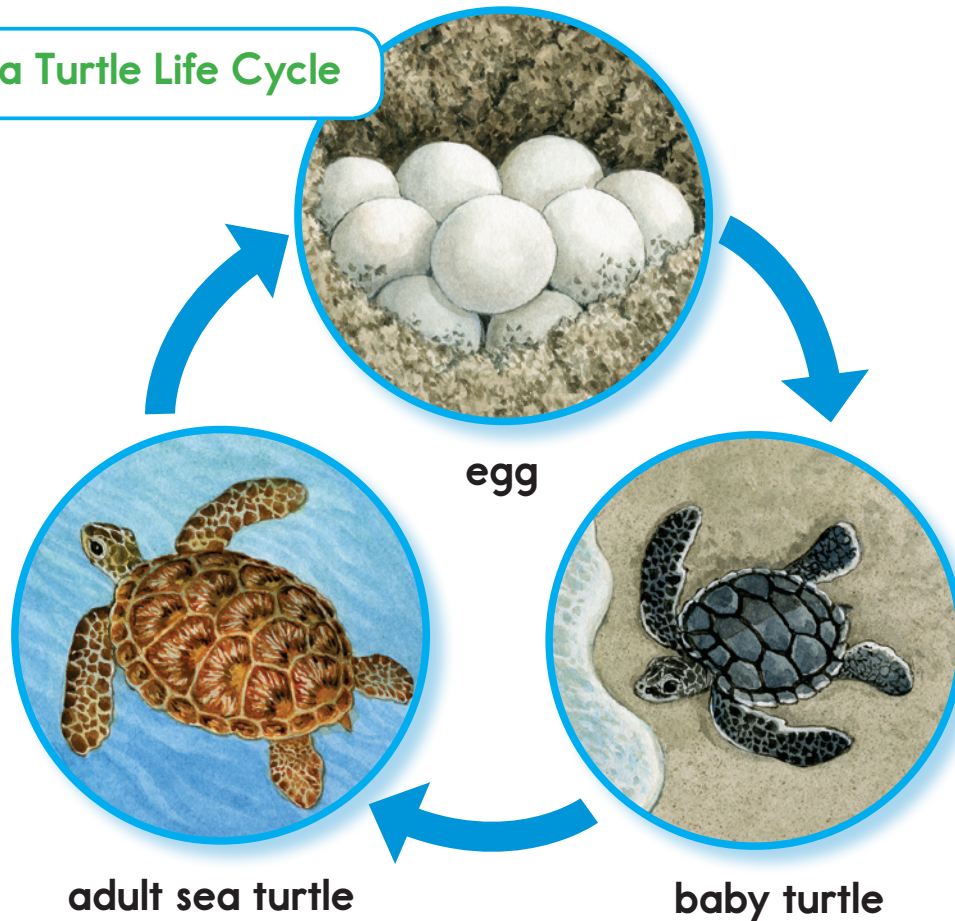
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- 4 Dogs chase them. Crabs dash after them. Birds swoop down to get them. That is why the turtles rush. They do not want to be eaten!
- 5 The baby turtles live in the ocean. They swim. They eat food like seaweed and fish eggs. They grow and grow. After ten years, they are much bigger. They are as big as dinner plates.



Sea Turtle Life Cycle



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- 6 Sea turtles grow big. Some are as big as a car! They live a long time, too. Some live 100 years.

Comprehension Check

1. Read this sentence.
Sea turtles grow big.
Which key detail tells more about the sentence?
 - a. They live in the sea.
 - b. They swim.
 - c. Some are as big as a car.
2. Which question do the key details in paragraph 2 answer?
 - a. How many sea turtles swim in the sea?
 - b. Why do sea turtles eat different things?
 - c. Where do sea turtles lay their eggs?



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3. A mother sea turtle makes a hole in the sand. She lays eggs there. What happens after a few weeks?

4. Baby sea turtles eat seaweed and fish eggs. They grow and grow. How are these two details connected?
