

Classroom Resources:



Sea Turtle Quiz

Time to test your knowledge about sea turtles. In the first section, try to fill in the blank with the best answer. Answer true or false to the statements in the second section. If you need a little help, you should be able to find all the answers somewhere in the Sea Turtle Conservancy's website (www.conserveturtles.org). The information can also be found in the Educator's Guide. *Answers to each question are printed upside down at the bottom of this page.*

Fill In The Blank

- 1) A species becomes _____ when there are no more of them alive left on Earth.
- 2) Sea turtles are not mammals, rather they are large, air-breathing _____ that live mostly in the ocean.
- 3) The smallest and most endangered of all sea turtles is the _____ .
- 4) Only adult female sea turtles lay eggs, and to build their nests they must return to _____ .
- 5) The _____ turtle gets its name because its mouth is shaped like a beak.
- 6) Leatherback turtles sometimes choke and die after eating discarded _____, which they mistakenly eat because they look like jellyfish.
- 7) Most sea turtle nesting in the United States takes place in the state of _____.
- 8) Sea turtles are known to _____ hundreds or thousands of miles from their main feeding areas to where they mate and nest.
- 9) A _____ is when a female sea turtle crawls out of the ocean to lay a nest, but for some reason decides not to and returns to sea.
- 10) When hatchlings emerge from their nest, they usually head straight for the water, but sometimes they head the wrong way because they are confused by artificial _____ .
- 11) Nesting sea turtles often look like they are crying, but actually tears are just turtles' way of releasing _____.
- 12) Fishermen trying to catch _____ sometimes accidentally capture sea turtles in their nets, which can drown and kill the turtles.
- 13) By installing a " _____ device" in their nets, fishermen can help turtles escape from their nets.
- 14) The federal law that makes it illegal to harm, harass or kill sea turtles, their eggs or hatchlings is called the _____ .
- 15) Sea turtles face many threats to their survival, but most of these are caused by the activities of _____ .

Circle True or False

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| 16) Scientists are using satellites to track the migration of sea turtles. | T | F |
| 17) More green turtles nest in the Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge than any other place in North America. | T | F |
| 18) Coastal armoring is built on the beach to help sea turtles nest. | T | F |
| 19) If you encounter a sea turtle nesting, you should shine light on the beach to help the turtle see. | T | F |
| 20) Hatchling turtles grow up very fast, and they begin to reproduce in about five years. | T | F |
| 21) People can help save sea turtles by changing their behavior. | T | F |

Answers (No cheating): 1) extinct, 2) reptiles, 3) Kemp's ridley, 4) land, 5) hawksbill, 6) plastic, 7) Florida, 8) migrate, 9) false crawl, 10) light, 11) salt, 12) shrimp, 13) turtle excluder, 14) Endangered Species Act, 15) humans or people, 16) T, 17) T, 18) F, 19) F, 20) F, 21) T