

VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP ASSIGNMENT

Sea Turtle Discovery

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3. Why are sea turtles threatened?
4. What is a refuge?
5. What is a watershed?
6. What does it mean to be endangered?
7. What part of a bird's body gives us a clue to the type of food they eat?
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Answer Key

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1. What are the differences between sea turtles and tortoises? (2:48)

The differences between sea turtles and tortoises include: sea turtles spend most of their lives in the ocean while tortoises spend their lives on land, sea turtles have flatter shells while tortoises have rounded shells, and sea turtles have paddle-like flippers while tortoises have stubbier limbs and claws that are used for digging in the ground.

2. What type of sea turtle doesn't have a hard shell? (4:11)

The leatherback sea turtle doesn't have a hard shell.

3. Why are sea turtles threatened? (5:18)

Sea turtles are threatened because they are hunted for their shell and eggs, they mistake plastic bags for jellyfish, they get trapped in fishing gear as bycatch, and they are hit by boats.

4. What is a refuge? (13:41)

A refuge is a protected area where plants and animals can live without human interference.

5. What is a watershed? (14:38)

A watershed is an area of land where all the water collects together in one place.

6. What does it mean to be endangered? (16:29)

When an animal is endangered it means there not very many left.

7. What part of a bird's body gives us a clue to the type of food they eat? (17:09)

A bird's beak and feet give us a clue as to the type of food they eat.

8. Can you identify the raptor characteristics? (18:41)

Raptor characteristics include a hooked beak, sharp talons, and very strong vision.

9. What can you do to help? (23:01)

You can help by cleaning up trash in your backyard or at a local park or beach, recycling and reducing waste, refusing plastic and using reusable items, and by composting.

10. What does it mean to compost? (23:40)

Composting is when food waste and other products are turned into fresh, organic matter. You can compost paper, sticks, grass clippings, and some types of food waste. Bugs and animals help turn the waste into fresh healthy compost that can go back into the garden.