

Literacy session 5

Challenge

Sea animals are also at risk from becoming extinct. One of the sea creatures most at risk is the Sea turtle.

Can you write about Sea turtles?

It could be in the form of a booklet, poster, non-chronological report or fact file.

Remember to include facts about:



- Diet
- Behaviour
- Habitat
- Appearance
- Fascinating facts

Here are some facts to help you:

- Green sea turtles are one of the **world's largest species of turtle**, weighing around 65-130kg and measuring between 1-1.2m long. They have a strong, tear-drop shape shell, called a 'carapace', which covers most of their body, except for their head and four flippers. Their carapace can include shades of different colours, including dark brown, green, olive, yellow and black

- **Turtle journeys**

Sea turtles make incredibly long migrations between feeding and breeding areas. The leatherback travels an average of 3,700 miles each way. Sea turtles mate at sea, then come ashore on beaches to lay their eggs. Females dig a hole in the sand, then deposit their clutch of eggs (up to 100, in the leatherback's case), cover it back up, then return to the sea

- **Extreme threats**

Six of the seven sea turtle species are classified as threatened, endangered, or critically endangered, [due largely to human impact](#) in the form of hunting, bycatch in fishing nets, pollution, and climate change

- **They've been around for a very, very long time.** [An estimated 110 million years](#) is how long sea turtles have existed on Earth, which means they once [shared the planet with T-Rex](#) and other dinosaurs

- **They can hold their breath for five hours underwater.** To accomplish this mighty feat [they slow their heart rate](#) to up to nine minutes in between heart beats in order to conserve oxygen

