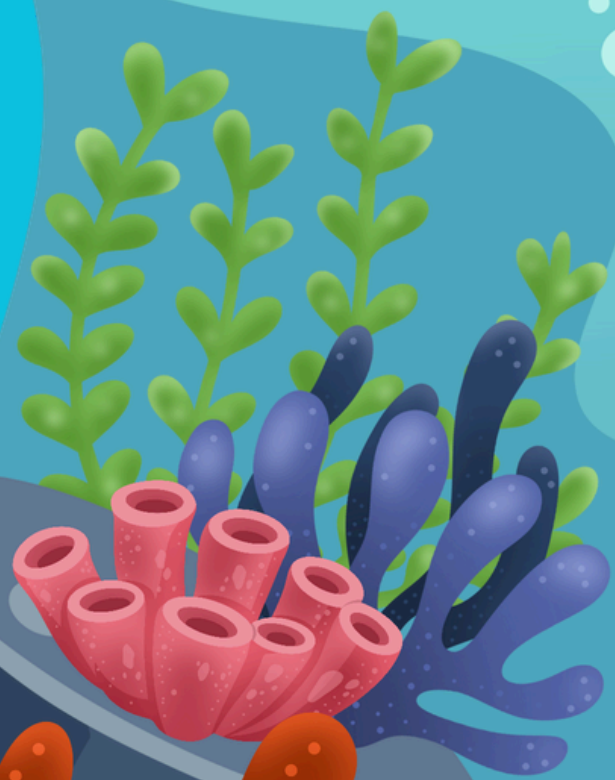


3rd Grade Reading

# TURTLE



# Passage 1



Turtles are reptiles. They live in water. Turtles are mostly found in the countries Africa and America. The body of a turtle is inside a really hard shell. If a turtle is scared, it may pull its head, arms, and legs into its shell. Turtle shells are light-weight, they are not heavy. They are also flat and smooth to the touch. The smooth shell can help the turtle swim and dive easily in the water. Turtles have feet that are webbed and claws. Their long claws assist them in gripping logs floating in the water. Webbed feet help the turtle swim. Some turtles have flippers to help them swim in the water. Turtles are omnivores. This means they eat both plants and meat. Turtles lay eggs on land. The baby turtles will stay in the nest on all on their own until they hatch. They hatch in 3-4 months. When they do hatch, they find their way out of their nest and to the water. They take care of themselves right away. Turtles can live 20-40 years.

# Passage 1 Questions



- 1 What countries are turtles mostly found in?
- 2 What does a turtle do if it is scared?
- 3 Turtles are omnivores. What does that mean?
- 4 What do turtles do when they hatch?