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Sea Turtles

Around the globe, five out of the seven species of sea turtles are endangered. In the open ocean, sea turtles face many challenges, including entanglement in fishing gear and ingestion of plastic debris. On sandy beaches, both nesting sea turtles and hatchlings are threatened by habitat loss, artificial light pollution and human disturbances. When sea turtle hatchlings emerge from their nests at night, they race to the ocean, orienting themselves to the brightest light they see. Artificial lights from cars, houses and hotels along the beach can throw a hatchling off course and may lead them away from the ocean where they belong.

Disney Conservation is working with the Sea Turtle Conservancy to engage the public about threats sea turtles face and how to take action to help sea turtles on their nesting beaches and in the ocean. Each year, Disney and the Sea Turtle Conservancy team up to host the Tour de Turtles at Disney's Vero Beach Resort, where female sea turtles are outfitted with satellite transmitters as they begin their migration to foraging grounds hundreds of miles away. Together, we are learning critical information about habitats that sea turtles need to survive, as well as inspiring our Guests and the public to act as stewards for these exceptional animals. Learn more at www.tourdeturtles.org.

1.5 MILLION sea turtle hatchlings

recorded on the beaches near Disney's Vero Beach Resort

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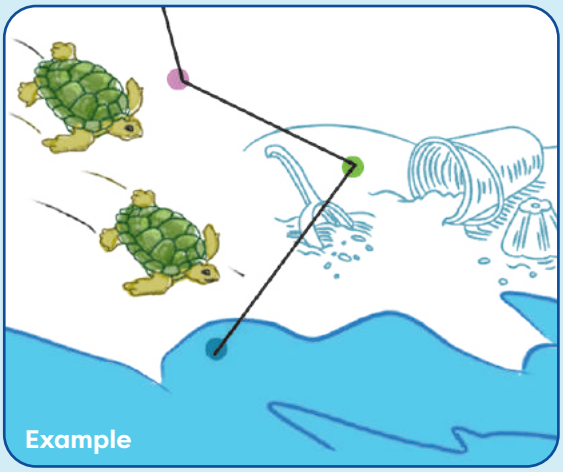
There are many actions you can take to help sea turtles!

You can help sea turtles by choosing sustainable seafood to support responsible fishing practices that are safer for sea turtles. While visiting beaches, make sure to turn off lights at night so nesting female turtles and hatchlings are not disoriented by lights and can safely reach the ocean. Because sea turtles often confuse trash—like plastic bags—for food, you can recycle, pick up trash and limit your use of single-use plastics to make sure fewer plastics end up in our oceans.

Tour de Turtles



Example

Sea Turtle **SCRAMBLE**

Help the sea turtle hatchlings navigate past the obstacles on the beach and race to the ocean in this connect the dots game!

HOW TO PLAY:

Begin by reading the first statement on the next page. Use the Answer Bank at the bottom of the page to choose the correct word(s) to fill in the blank and complete the fact about sea turtles.

Then, using a pencil, draw a line from the "Start" dot in the picture to the colored dot that corresponds with the answer you chose. Repeat this process to fill in the blanks for all of the sea turtle facts and connect the dots to lead the sea turtle hatchlings to the ocean.

When you've finished, check your answers at the bottom of the page and consider what you can do to help protect sea turtles!

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SEA TURTLE SCRAMBLE

START

1. There are _____ species of sea turtle found in ocean waters around the world.
2. The diet of a sea turtle varies based on the species and age, but can range from seagrass to crabs, sponges and even _____!
3. Sea turtles spend almost their entire lives in the water, but when it is nesting time, females come ashore to lay their eggs in the _____.
4. Whether a sea turtle is a male or female is determined by the _____ of the sand on the beach. Cooler sands produce more male turtles and warmer sands produce more females!
5. When a sea turtle nest hatches, the hatchlings will crawl toward the moon and stars, or the brightest _____ they see.
6. During their rush to the ocean, sea turtle hatchlings face many challenges. Sand castles, beach furniture and litter can block their path to the ocean while lights from buildings can lead them off course. Additionally, hatchlings face predators like snakes, raccoons and _____.
7. Though each turtle nest will consist of more than 100 eggs, only about one in _____ sea turtle hatchlings will survive until adulthood.
8. By taking simple actions at the beach such as picking up toys, trash and beach gear and turning off lights at night, you can help protect _____!

ANSWER BANK

light | jellyfish | birds | trees | whales | 9

1,000 | sea turtles | 50 | 7 | temperature | sand

Answer Key: 1) 7, 2) jellyfish, 3) sand, 4) temperature, 5) light, 6) birds, 7) 1,000, 8) sea turtles

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