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The Nature Reserve

Reading

- 1** Mark and Lynn have just come back from the nature reserve. Read and find out what they learned.

Dear Mum and Dad,

We have just come back from an amazing day at the nature reserve for giant sea turtles. First, we went snorkelling. It was great! Then in the evening, we saw a film. It was really interesting and we learned a lot about the turtles. After we had watched the film, Pedro took us to a beach where we watched some turtle eggs hatch. This only happens at night! It was brilliant! The baby turtles were so tiny and cute! I bought a calendar with pictures of turtles and other sea life as a souvenir. I'll show it to you when I get home.

Love,
Mark



Giant Sea Turtles

- There are seven different kinds of giant sea turtles in the world. The largest sea turtles can be two metres long, one metre wide and can weigh up to 650 kilograms. They live for about 80 years.
- Turtles can only stay underwater for 4-5 minutes. Because of this, they rarely swim in deep water. They come up for air for 1-3 seconds and then dive underwater again.
- Female turtles start laying eggs at the age of 30. They lay their eggs in the same place that they were born. They lay 150-200 eggs in a hole in the sand, then they cover them.



OUR WORLD!

You can find Caretta caretta sea turtles in some places in Greece, like Zakynthos. There are people and organisations that are working to protect these endangered turtles.

Match.

- Female turtles lay their eggs
 - Sea turtles don't often swim
 - Baby turtles come out of their eggs
 - Most baby turtles don't survive
 - Some governments are trying to protect turtles
- a. in the sea.
..... b. at night.
..... c. in deep water.
..... d. because they are endangered.
..... e. in a hole in the sand.

Vocabulary

Answer the questions.

- Can humans **survive** without **air**?
- Is it **against the law** to steal?
- What animal (other than turtles) **lays eggs**?
- How much do you **weigh**?
- How long can you stay **underwater**?

Grammar

PAST PERFECT SIMPLE

had + past participle

We use Past Perfect Simple to talk about an activity that happened before another activity in the past. After I **had watched** the film, I **went to see** the turtles.

Time expressions: before, after, already, by the time

Note: We often use Past Perfect Simple after **because**.

The baby turtles were tiny because they had just hatched.

Complete. Use Past Perfect Simple and Past Simple.

- By the time my brother **came** (**come**) home, we **had eaten** (**eat**) supper.
- When we **got** (**get**) to the bus stop, the bus **already leave** (**already leave**).
- The writer **wrote** (**write**) two books by the time she **be** (**be**) 20.
- Amy **not watch** (**not watch**) the film because she **already see** (**already see**) it.
- I **tidy** (**tidy**) my room after my friends **go** (**go**) home.

More Words and Listening

5 Sea life

- 1. dolphin 5. squid
..... 2. whale 6. shrimp
..... 3. shark 7. seal
..... 4. octopus 8. penguin



6 Listen to a guide at Sea World talking about dolphins. Circle the correct answer.

- There **are** / **aren't** many different kinds of dolphins.
- Most adult dolphins are about **2.5** / **7.5** metres long.
- The killer whale, called the Orca, is a kind of **shark** / **dolphin**.
- Killer whales sometimes eat **humans** / **other dolphins**.
- Dolphins usually swim in **deep water** / **groups**.
- Dolphins blow air from a **special hole** / **their mouths** to make a noise that sounds like a whistle.
- Dolphins can live for **14** / **40** years.