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Grade 5 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

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Nesting on the Beach

On a summer night, a mother turtle crawls up the sand. She digs a deep hole with her back flippers. Her flippers are made for swimming, so this work is slow and tiring. She lays about one hundred eggs, covers them and returns to the sea.

Photo caption: A loggerhead turtle's tracks look like tire marks in the sand. Volunteers follow the tracks to find new nests.

Hatching Time

About two months later, the baby turtles hatch. They usually dig out at night, when the sand is cool. The hatchlings scurry toward the brightest horizon. On a natural beach, that is the moonlit ocean.

Long Ocean Journeys

Young turtles ride ocean currents for years. Some loggerheads swim across the whole Atlantic Ocean and back. When the females grow up, many return to the same beach where they hatched. Scientists think turtles may sense Earth's magnetic field, which helps them find their way back.

Sidebar: How You Can Help
Turn off porch lights near the beach in summer. Bright lights can confuse hatchlings and lead them away from the water. Fill in any holes you dig in the sand, too.

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Glossary
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1. Which heading would help you find out how far young turtles travel?

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2. According to the photo caption, how do volunteers find new nests?

They watch for porch lights at night.

They follow the turtle's tracks in the sand.

They count the eggs in each hole.

3. Use the table. Which sea turtle is the heaviest?

leatherback Kemp's ridley loggerhead

4. What is the main purpose of the sidebar?

to tell readers what they can do to protect turtles

to compare the sizes of three turtles

to explain how a mother turtle digs a nest

5. Use the glossary. What is a hatchling?

a stream of moving water

a baby animal just out of its egg

a mother turtle laying eggs

6. Use the table. About how much does an adult loggerhead weigh?

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