

Turtles



Body

A turtle is a **reptile** with a hard outer shell. Most turtles are green. Some turtles have colorful markings. The largest turtles are 8 feet (2.4 meters) long.

Habitat

Turtles are found all over the world, except in very cold places. They can live on land and in water. During cold winters, turtles live in **burrows**.

Life Cycle

Female turtles lay eggs on land. They bury them and leave. **Hatchlings** take care of themselves. Some turtles live up to 150 years.

Fun Facts

- Sea turtles can hold their breath up to four hours.
- A turtle's shell is made of about 60 different bones.
- Some turtles can't pull their entire body into their shell.

Food

Turtles eat grass, leaves, and other plants.

Some turtles also eat fish, snails, and **insects**.

Turtles do not have teeth.

They crush food with the hard edges of their mouths.

Glossary Terms

burrows

hatchlings

insects

reptile

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