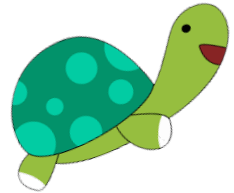
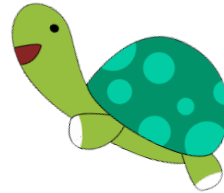
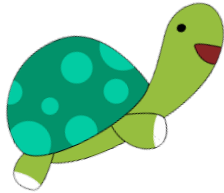
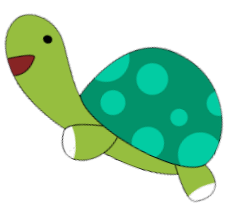


Turtles, Turtles Everywhere!



1. The only species of turtle native to B.C. is the **Western Painted Turtle**

a) True b) False

2. A turtle's shell is composed of **two** main sections called:

a) Carapace and Plastron b) Segment and Division
c) Scale and Skin d) Top and Bottom

3. The **largest** turtle species in the world is the:

a) Green sea turtle b) Alligator Snapping turtle
c) Red eared slider d) Leatherback sea turtle

4. The **oldest** turtle (not tortoise) lived to be how old?

a) 102 b) 188 c) 210 d) 255

5. Turtles are **amniotes** which means they:

a) Lay live young and breath air b) Lay eggs in water and swim well
c) Lay eggs on land and breathe air d) Swim well and breathe air

ANSWERS ON THE REVERSE SIDE!!



Nature Quiz

Answers...

1. False; 2. a; 3. d; 4. b; 5. c

HERE IS THE LOW DOWN...

1. **False.** Although the Western painted turtle is the only LIVING species of turtle native to B.C., there used to be populations of the Western Pond Turtle on the coast. The pond turtles were thought to have lived in the province until the 1800's when they were hunted to extinction for meat.

2. **Carapace and Plastron.** The Carapace is the top of the turtle's shell and the plastron is the bottom. On many species of turtle the plastron is more colourful than the carapace. Both parts of the shell are made up of fused ribs and vertebra, making it a part of the turtle's body

3. **Leatherback sea turtle.** The leatherback averages in size at about 7 feet long and 800 pounds. It is counted as the fourth largest reptile in the world, only behind some crocodiles. The largest Leatherback ever reported as 10 feet long and 2019 pounds.

4. These cold-blooded creatures have an incredibly long life span. The oldest ever recorded, named Tu'i Malila, of Tonga Island, passed away at the grand old age of **188!**

5. The term amniotes means that they **lay their eggs on land and breathe air.** Many species live in or around water but still have to come onto land to lay their eggs.

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