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Lesson Plan

Turtle Trivia

Lesson Plan for *Turtles*

Grade 1

Objective

To help students recall key details from a text about turtles.

Things Needed

- *Turtles* book
- Pencils and paper

Before the Activity

Read *Turtles* out loud to students.

Activity

Divide the class into teams of two. Each team gets a pencil and a sheet of paper. Each team should write the numbers 1 through 10 on the sheet of paper. Explain that you will read a sentence out loud. Each sentence contains a blank. You will read three answer choices (A, B, and C) after each sentence. Teams should decide which answer choice correctly fills the blank to complete the sentence. Teams should write down the letter of the correct answer on their sheets of paper. Use the following list of sentences:

1. A _____ animal has a body temperature that varies with the temperature of the environment.
 - A. webbed
 - B. cold-blooded
 - C. warm-blooded
2. There are more than _____ species of turtles in the world.
 - A. 1,000
 - B. 560
 - C. 350



3. The main difference between a turtle and a tortoise is that _____.
- A. Turtles swim in the water, while tortoises stay on land.
 - B. Turtles are mostly green and brown, while tortoises are mostly black and yellow.
 - C. Turtles are cold-blooded, while tortoises are warm-blooded.
4. A _____ is a type of animal that lays eggs and has scales, rough skin, or a shell.
- A. fish
 - B. mammal
 - C. reptile
5. The _____ is the set of bones that surrounds and protects an animal's insides.
- A. spine
 - B. ribcage
 - C. jaw
6. To hide from danger, turtles can _____.
- A. pull their heads and feet into their shells
 - B. quickly walk away
 - C. burrow into the ground
7. Most pond turtles are brown or black on top and _____ underneath.
- A. yellow and black
 - B. green and brown
 - C. green and yellow
8. Turtles lay eggs on land and _____.
- A. stay with the eggs until they hatch
 - B. sit on the eggs to keep them warm
 - C. walk away, leaving the baby turtles on their own
9. Turtles mainly eat _____.
- A. bird eggs and fish
 - B. plants and small animals
 - C. insects and fish



10. Turtles often climb onto rocks or logs in order to _____.
- A. look for fish or other animals to eat
 - B. get warm in the sun
 - C. escape from danger

Evaluation

After teams have written answers to each question, use the answer key to evaluate their answers. The team with the most correct answers wins.

Answer Key

- 1. B
- 2. C
- 3. A
- 4. C
- 5. B
- 6. A
- 7. A
- 8. C
- 9. B
- 10. B

Standards

This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade 1 (RI 1.1, 1.2).

