

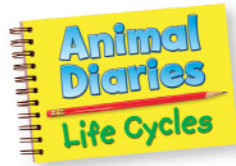
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Name: Dylan

Date: June 1

Meet a Green Sea Turtle

Today, I saw a green sea turtle near my home in Florida.

I was on the beach with my older brother, who's a turtle scientist.

The **reptile** had crawled out of the sea and onto the beach.


Then it began to dig a hole in the sand.



Dylan



Where green sea turtles live

A green sea turtle is shown on a sandy beach, partially inside a hole it has dug. The turtle's head and front flippers are visible. A callout bubble in the top left corner contains text about the turtle's weight and shell length. A label with an arrow points to the turtle's head. A question box is in the bottom right corner.

A green sea turtle can weigh up to 400 pounds (181 kg). Its bony shell can be 4 feet (1.2 m) long.

green sea turtle

How do you think green sea turtles dig holes?

Date: June 2

Turtle Eggs

My brother said the turtle was a female making a nest.

She used her flippers to dig a large hole in the sand.

Next, she began laying eggs in the hole.

She laid 115 eggs in total!

Then she used her flippers to cover the eggs with sand.





nest hole

eggs

A sea turtle egg is about the size of a ping-pong ball. It has a soft, leathery shell.

What do you think a female turtle does after she's laid her eggs?