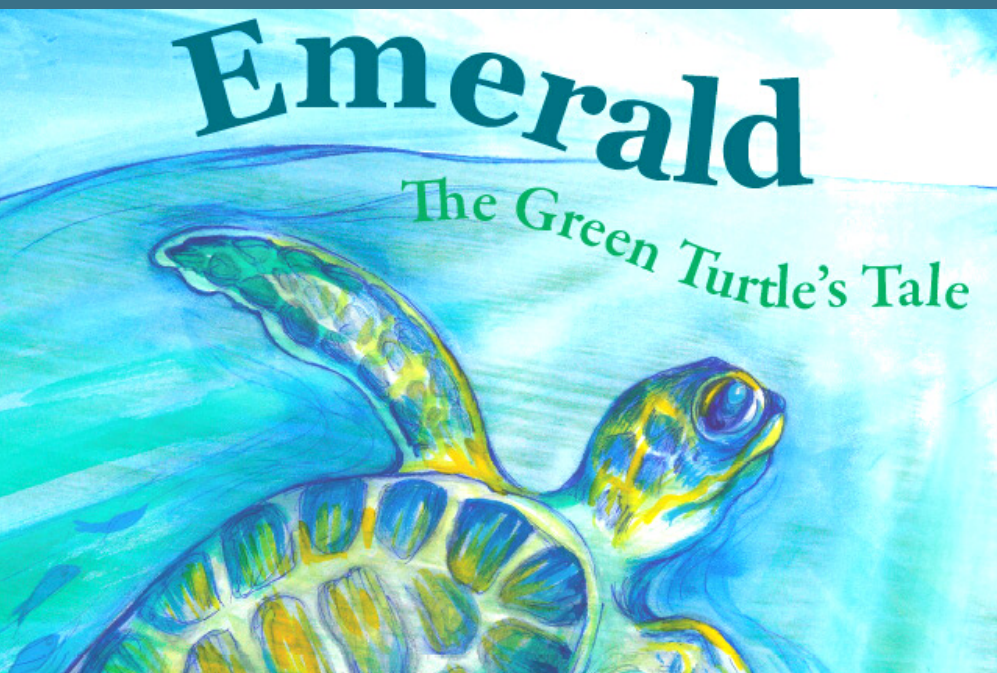


EMERALD: THE GREEN TURTLE'S TALE

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Emerald the Green Turtle hatches from her egg and, with her many sisters, makes her perilous journey to the beckoning sea.

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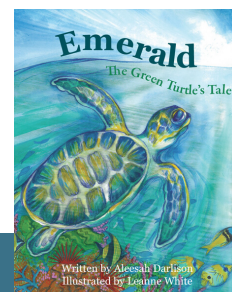
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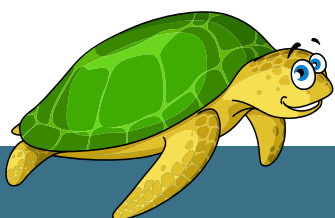




Fast Fact!
Green turtles are named
for their greenish-
coloured fat.

GREEN TURTLE FACT SHEET

- Turtles are reptiles.
- They are also termed 'amniotes' because they breathe air and don't lay eggs underwater.
- They are NOT amphibians.
- Turtles have a hard shell for protection.
- They have existed for 215 million years.
- Sea turtles have glands that remove salt from the water they drink.
- Green turtles are endangered.
- They can live for up to 80 years and weigh between 65 – 130 kg.
- The green turtle is one of the largest sea turtles and is the only herbivore among the different species.
- They spend most of their lives underwater.
- They can rest for 5 hours before coming up for a breath.
- If feeding or travelling, they pop up every 3 – 5 mins.
- Female turtles lay their eggs in a nest dug out on a beach.
- Each clutch contains around 110 eggs.
- Air temperature determines gender – low = male, high = female.
- After 2 months, babies use an 'egg tooth' to break through their egg.
- Then the race to the ocean begins!



Baby green turtles are the size of a 50 cent piece



Eggs crack and tear.
The miniature turtle army
marches out of its nest.



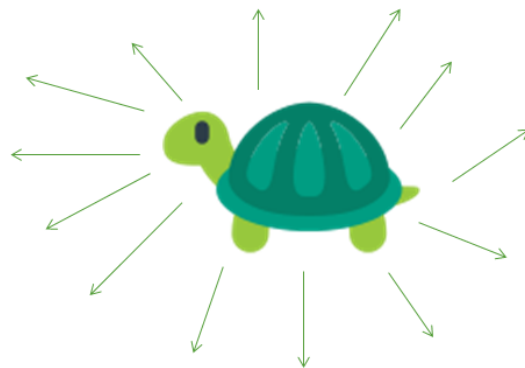
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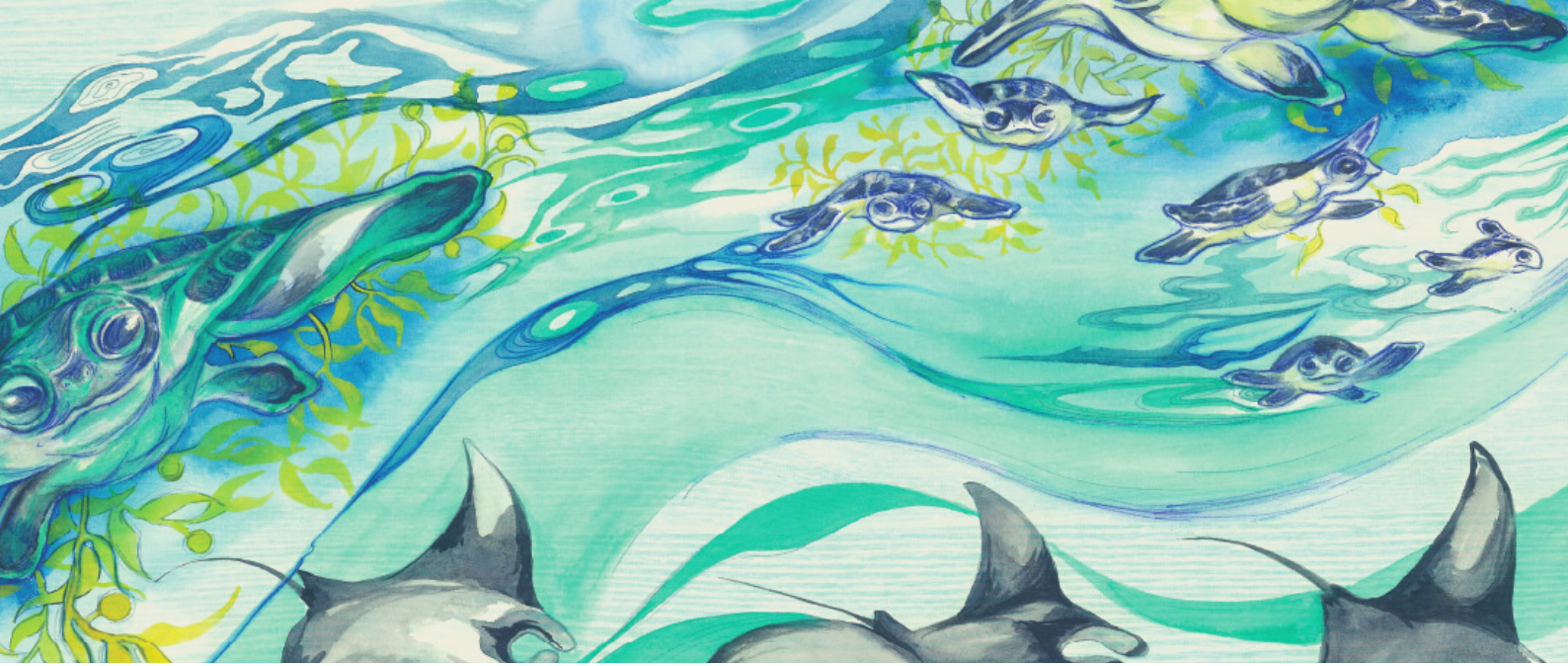
Alliteration - repeating of the same letter or sound - occurs several times in the story.
Have a look at the text on each page and write down some of the alliterative words and sentences that you can find.

Now have a go at writing some sentences of your own that use alliteration.

Use this space to make a mind map of turtle related words for your alliterative sentences.

Turtle Mind Map - Alliteration





CRITICAL THINKING - ENDANGERED ANIMALS

Many of the world's ocean creatures are threatened or endangered. List some of the main problems these animals face.

One of the pictures in *Emerald: The Green Turtle's Tale* shows the threats that baby turtles face when they hatch. Take a look at this picture and write down the animals that prey on the babies. Then write down other threats turtles might face once they reach the ocean.

Draw your green turtle here



Cute Paper Plate Turtle Craft

Materials Required:

- Paper plates
- Textas
- Dark green and light green crepe paper
- Goggle eyes
- Scissors
- Glue

Instructions:

- Cut the crepe paper into squares.
- Cut out a head, four flippers and a tail for your sea turtle.
- Draw a face for your turtle.
- Glue the goggle eyes on.
- Decorate the plate shell with the crepe paper.
- Attach the head, flippers and tail to the paper plate.
- Your turtle is done!

