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## Follow along with Hannah!



How many species of sea turtles are there?

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## Sea Turtle or Tortoise?

Circle which of these legs belong to a sea turtle











Here is a picture of a marked sea turtle
nest. What do you think would happen
if the area was not marked off?
People could walk on and damage
the nest. Animals could dig up the
eggs



Warm temperatures in the nest produce <u>female</u> (male/ female) sea turtles, while cold temperatures in the nest produce <u>male</u> (male/female) sea turtles.

## Sea Turtle Predators

Hatchling and juvenile sea turtles have many natural predators. These threats exist both on the land and in the sea. Circle which animals are common predators for young sea turtles.













Who started the sea turtle monitoring program on Sanibel? Charles LeBuff

How many nests were there last year on Sanibel and Captiva?

848

What are some ways we can help sea turtles?

Make sure your lights are not visible from the beach, remove beach

furniture at night, pick up liter, do not disturb nests, etc.

From April to
October, sea turtles
come to Sanibel and
Captiva to lay their
eggs. The eggs take
about 2 months to
hatch. Color in the
sea turtle hatchlings
as they make their
way to the ocean.

