

Home for Turtles

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Read this text and then answer the questions.

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Five disabled green turtles are moving to Dorset this month to receive special care at the new turtle sanctuary at Weymouth Sea Life Park.

So far the animals have been treated at the Turtle Hospital in Florida, but are moving to their new home to retire in peace.

Each turtle has injuries that affect its ability to dive under water. To help them, they have special weights stuck to their shells, just like the way scuba divers use a weightbelt to help them dive.

A supervisor at the turtle sanctuary says: "They will need a great deal of care and attention. However, they will also help us inform visitors about the serious hazards these creatures face in the wild and the reasons why all seven sea turtles species are endangered."

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1. What kind of writing is this?
2. What is the headline?
3. What is this text about?
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4. What is wrong with the turtles in the story?
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5. Where did the turtles come from?
6. What does "retire" mean?
7. Where is the Sea Life Park?
8. What do the turtles find difficult to do?
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9. Where are the weights stuck?
10. Who uses weight belts to help them?
11. What will the turtles need when they get to the sanctuary?
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12. How many species of sea turtles are there?
13. What word means that turtles might not survive?
14. What word means the same as danger?
15. What do you think of this story?
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