

Story starter!



She blinked her sleepy eyes as she took in her first sights of the world around her. With an almighty effort she pushed back her legs, breaking away another tiny fragment of her shell.

Soon, she would be free. Soon, she would have to tackle her next enormous challenge. It wasn't going to be easy. Her epic journey was only just beginning...

Question time!



- ▶ The first moments of a tortoise's life are critically important for its survival chances. Why do you think this is the case?
- ▶ Why is it that female tortoises lay their eggs on the beach?
- ▶ Can you think of any other animals that live in the water and on the land?
- ▶ What are the differences between amphibians and reptiles? Which group does the tortoise belong to?

Perfect picture!

Soon, the tortoise will enter the ocean. Can you draw or describe the moment when the tortoise first reaches the water?



Sentence challenge!

When you finish your writing can you make a tally chart showing how many times you have used the following word classes: noun, adjective, verb, adverb.

A noun is an object or thing. An adjective is a describing word. A verb is an action, and an adverb describes the verb. Can you determine the word classes in my sentence?

Slowly, the tortoise clambered down the sandy beach.



Sick sentences!

These sentences are 'sick' and need help to get better. Can you help?

- ▶ The tortoise pushed its legs out of the shell.
- ▶ It blinked its eyes as it looked at the beach ahead.

