

Turtle vs Tortoise

You will need:

- 1 Copy of pages 2 & 3 printed out
- Scissors
- Glue stick

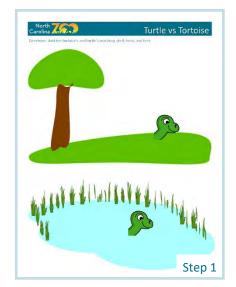
Optional:

 Watch the Zoo EDventures video that discusses the difference between turtles and tortoises.



Directions:

- 1. Print out pages 2 and 3 (do not print double sided)
- 2. Cut out each of the traits and determine which one goes with each animal through the following questions.
 - One animal lives on land and the other lives in the water,
 which one is the tortoise and which is the turtle?
 - One has a round dome like shell while the other has a more flat, streamline shell, which is which?
 - What does the turtle eat? What does the tortoise eat?
 - One has strong straight legs and the other has webbed feet or fins. Which feet belong to who?
- 3. Add each trait to the turtle and tortoise. Then glue it down in the correct habitat.



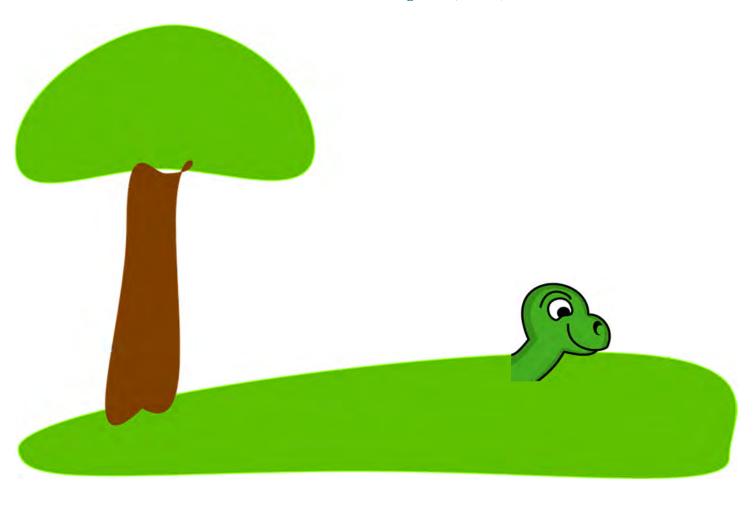
Congrats! You now know the differences between tortoises and turtles.

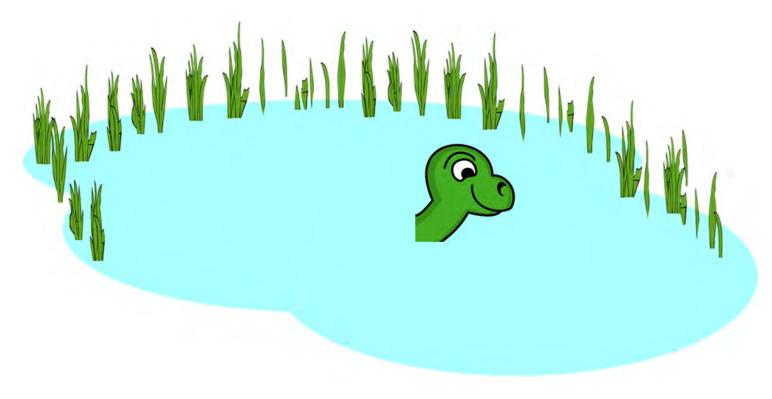




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Directions: Add the tortoise's and turtle's matching shell, food, and feet.







Turtle & Tortoise Traits



Shell—Dome shaped

Shell—Flat

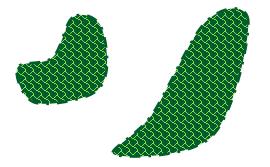




Omnivore—Eats plants and meat

Herbivore—Eats plants





Feet—Webbed or fins

Feet—Straight and thick







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Answer key:

- 1. Tortoises are land dwellers while turtles live in or near the water
- 2. Tortoises, who spend more time on land, have a large dome shaped shell. Turtles who spend a large amount of time in the water, have a streamline shaped shell that's more flat than a tortoise's.
- 3. Tortoises are herbivores which means they eat plants. Turtles are omnivores which means they eat both plants and animals.
- 4. The feet of a tortoise are strong and straight, helping them walk around on the ground better. The webbed feet or fins of a turtle help them swim in the water.

This is what the it should look like at the end ——>

