**Sea Turtle**

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| <p>A sea turtle swims fast. It uses its long front <vocabulary>flippers</vocabulary> like oars, as if it is rowing through the water.</p> | A sea turtle swims \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It uses its long front \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ like oars, as if it is rowing through the water.  |
| <p>As soon as baby turtles <vocabulary>hatch,</vocabulary> they climb out of their sandy hole and crawl to the sea. It's an adventure!</p> | As soon as baby turtles hatch, they climb out of their sandy hole and crawl to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It’s an adventure! |
| <p>A thick, heavy shell protects the turtle's soft body underneath. Hard, bony <vocabulary>scales</vocabulary> cover the shell and make it strong.</p> | A thick, heavy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ protects the turtle’s soft body underneath. Hard, bony scales cover the shell and make it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  |
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